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Editorial

The pigs in heightening the repressive actions against the people have used an unfortunate incident in Hunter's Point as an excuse to run amuck in the Black community. Years ago the last place pigs went to investigate was Black people killing Black people...It was very minor, as are the killings of oppressed people considered, by the troops of the ruling class. Now due to the raised level of resistance that the people have reached, the pigs look for, actively search for, reasons to come into the community with guns drawn.

The pigs ran through the community of Hunter's Point on February 23rd with rifles and drawn weapons, not being concerned with the lives and safety of the children playing in the community or respecting the people. This is not an isolated incident and cannot be passed off as such since there is a history of similar incidents in this same community.

On the 23rd of February, the pigs went into the Hunter's Point area to arrest Butch Mabrey, one man, but they came as if preparing for a major confrontation. The pigs disrespected the whole community... Only in the Black community are overkill tactics used. Only when dealing with oppressed people are the pigs' tails shaking in glee and their eyes lit up with the anticipation of killing another one of the "misfits of this society". Only oppressed people are accorded the 'fist of repression' in place of the 'hand of protection'. There are too many examples--perfect examples--that have occurred all over this country to be able to mention in any one

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Editorial

article or book. The transgressions against the people perpetrated by the pigs are too numerous to accept the further extension of their doggish policies.

The pigs in the streets have been carrying on like the mad dogs they are, but this must cease. Huey P. Newton said "The racist dog police must withdraw immediately from our communities, cease their wanton murder and brutality and torture of Black people or face the armed wrath of the people." No longer must we allow the pigs to run rampant in the streets of our community--we must make the occupying army retreat. The time of these fascist moves against the people must be eliminated--the pigs are in the streets now but THE STREETS BELONG TO THE PEOPLE.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY

SHOOTING INCIDENT IN HUNTER'S POINT

Saturday afternoon at approximately 2:00 p.m., the 21st of February, 1970, a shooting incident took place at Joseph Lee Gym on Mendell and Oakdale. Injured was Charles Gillis, 1435 Innis, 17 yrs. old, and Jerry Thomas, Quesada St., 16 yrs old. Charles Gillis was shot in his head and died Monday from the wound; Jerry Thomas was shot in his leg, he is now in San Francisco Hospital in satisfactory condition.

Arrested for the shooting incident was Butch Mabrey of 855 Gottingen St., San Francisco. It was disclosed that Butch entered the gymnasium pulled a piece (gun) and fired a melee of wild shots and in the process these two brothers, Charles and Jerry, were struck by bullets. It was told to us that there wasn't any antagonism between the brothers and that their relationship with each other was good.

Butch was arrested Monday, the 23rd of February at 855 Gottingen at approximately 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. While the pigs were setting up to invade the community, there were people in the community calling the Center that's located at 1494 Jerrold to let us know that the pigs were running amuck in the community: they were on their regular jobs and up to their same trick, intimidating the people. Running through the community with rifles and drawn weapons, not concerned with the lives and safety of the children that were playing in the community, not respecting the people at all, just killing another nigger was the only objective in mind. The Black Panther Party is not saying that Butch is guilty or that what went down was cool, but what we do say is that Butch lives and his family should not have to have their constitutional rights violated by pigs block-

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FROM: DEFENDANTS -- N.Y. 21 TO: "JUSTICE" MURTAGH

This court represents the most ruthless system in the world, caring nothing for the wholesale misery that it brings, while at the same time, your papers are full of verbiage of your "nobility," "righteousness," "justice," "fairness," and the "good" that you do.

We are very, very sick and tired of the BIG LIE. We cannot stand passive to the big lie any longer. We cannot accept it any longer.

It is time to state the truth, for Black people, for poor Puerto Rican, Mexican American, Chinese American, Indian and poor White people. The "AmeriKKKan system of justice" is a hideous sham and a revolting farce.

We must look at the situation objectively. As has been explicitly implied in the preceding, we realize that we are not 2nd Class sitizens at all. We are a colonized people. (Read your own commission Reports). We see that we are still considered chattel. We see how the Fugitive Slave Act has been modified in worfs, but is still being used how the Dred Scott decision was never really reversed. That the 13, 14, anf 15 Amendments of the Constitution did not liberate us--that in fact, in social reality, they only legalized slavery and expanded the Dred Scott decision to include Indians, Spanish-speaking and poor White people.

We see that things have not gotten better, but only progressively worse, and that includes tyranny, We completely oppose racism and tyranny and will continue to do so. You wish us to act according to a Decorum set down by an organization, the "American Bar Association", which is not only racist but is also not against genocide. (Perhaps they realized the truth, and see that the American ruling class is definitely liable, for its treatment of Black people?)

In court you asks us to submit to a code of laws...your laws, not our laws (Black and poor people) but your laws your laws because we were never asked (Black people) if we consented to having them as our laws, nor are these laws relevant to our ghetto reality. They are your laws, and we find them racist and oppressive. They, these law perpeturate our plantation continuation. Right now, in 1970, 90% of the inmates of your prisons are non-White. 90%: And we (Black people, etc.) have never had the right to decide if we wanted to be governed by laws which we had no part in making. Yet, the primary concern of the men who drafted the "Declaration of Independence" was the consent of the governed by laws which they had a part in forming and which was relevant to them. We are in your prison, but these are not our laws. They are your laws, and in dealing with Black and poor people, you don't even adhere to your own laws.

In fact, a leading criminologist, Dr. R.R. Korn of Stanford University, had noted that 80% of the people now in prison were put there illegally according to your own law. (Strange that the overwhelming population is Black and non-White?)

Mr. Murtagh--your record speaks for itself. You are known in the ghetto as a "Hanging Judge". (How many Black and White poor men did you convict without their even having council just in 1969 alone, in your clever slick way?) Frank Hogan and his aides are well known--very well known in the Ghetto--known for what they are--racist and unethical. (We have knowledge of cases, since our incarceration of Assistant District Attorneys, or D.A.'s men posing as legal aides to get conviction). But in our case you and Mr. Hogan have gotten together and have out done yourselves in denying us all, everyone of our "alleged" state, federal and human rights. The record clearly shows this, when not clouded with the mist of racism.

A) Let us clear up one basic misconception. You constantly refer to this case as a "criminal" trial, while all of the time we know, you know, Frank Hogan knows, the people know, the other prisoners and even the guards know that this in not a criminal trial. Everyone knows that this is a political trial, for if we were not members of the Black Panther Party, a lot of things would never have been done to us in the first place.

Why are we not allowed to be with other prisoners? Why are we not allowed to even talk to the other prisoners? Why are we isolated? (Something we might say or do that can open their eyes, perhaps?) Alleged murderers and rapists are not treated in this manner, even "convicted murderers and rapists are not treated in the manner in which we were treated. Why do you persist in the big lie? It is one of many clear contradictions.

B) On April 2, 1969, hordes of "police" broke down our doors, or otherwise forced entry into our homes, and ran amuck. Rampaging and rummaging through our homes, they seized articles from us with wild abandon while having no search warrants. The "police" put us and our families in grave danger, nervously aiming shotgums, rifles and pistols at us and our families--even our children.



We were then kidnapped as were some of our families. We state "kidnap" because many of us were never shown any arrest warrant, even to this day. This is illegal. This is a blatant contradiction of your own constitution....We said nothing.

C) Upon the arrest of some of the defendants and before the appearance of any of the defendants, New York City District Attorney Frank Hogan appeared on national radio and national television (Channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, snd 11) in a press conference, during which time he gave out information from an "indictment" against us in an inflammatory and provocative manner, deliberately designed to incite the peopel against us and to deny us even the semblance of a "fair trial". Mr. Hogan implied a lie--that we had been seized on the way to commit these alleged acts with bombs in our hands--rather than the truth--that we had no bombs and that most of us were taken out of our beds.

Subsequent to that press conference, "unidentified police sources" and "persons close to the investigation" stated falsely to the press that we, as members of the Black Panther Party were being aided and abetted by foreign gobernments considered hostile to your government (i.e. Cuba and China) -- that we, as Black Panther Party members were stealing money from federal and/ or state agencies and many other false wild charges, designed to heighten the public alarm against us and our Party, rather than diminish it, so as to create an atmoshpere conductive to the extermination of the Black Panther Party and justify anything that might be done to us.

This unethical behavior gave, aided, and abetted further prejudicial pretrial publicity, in direct contradiction to your law as outlined in the 14th Amendment of your constitution of the United States. Due to this behavior alone, we are positive that we could not get a fair trial anywhere in this country....We still said nothing.

D) When our attorneys learned of our arrest, they attempted to see us, as we were being held in your District Attorneys' office. They were refused permission to do so. At the "arraignment" a similar request by our counsel was again refused by mr. Charles Marks who presided thereat. these refusals were in blatant violation of your law as outlined in the 6th and 14th Amendments of your Constitution of the United States....We continued to be silent.

E) At this "arraignment" this Mr. Charles Marks who was presiding, refused to read, explain or give us a copy of this "indictment" against us. This is another violation of your law as outlined in the 6th and 14 Amendments of your Constitution of the UnitedStates ....yet, we remained silent.

F) Bail (ransom) was set at $100,-000, which is ridiculous and tantamount to no bail at all. This is another violation of your own law as outlined in the 8th and 14th Amendments of your Constitution of the United States. We state that this bail is not only contradictory to your own law, but that it is also racist. When White "radical" groups are arrested, their bails do not usually exceed $10,000. When three Yemenites were charged with "conspiracy" to murder your President Nixon, and with the equipment to do such, their bail was $25,000; when Minutemen in New York were arrested and charged with a conspiracy to commit murder, the murder of 155 persons and were arrested with bombs and guns more than enough to do this. Bail was set at $25,000. We had no bombs. Our bail was $100,000....We remained silent.

G) At this arraigmment, this Mr. Charles Marks, the same "Judge" who is alleged to have signed the "Arrest Warrants", stated in words or substance that he was accepting all of the allegations in the "indictment" against us to be true. On subsequent hearings during April and May 1969, concerning reduction of ransom (bail) at which this same Mr. Marks still presided, he stated that we were "un-American" and that the law "did not apply to us" (sounds of history?). This does not quite show impartiality....Yet we said nothing.

H) Our counsel have been in front of at least 35 "Judges" concerning our bail, and this attitude permeates the "great American system of justice". All motions on this were denied, either without comment or because of the seriousness" of the "charge", but never dealing with the Constitutional issues involved, and it is your Constitution. All of this seems to underlie "judge" Marks' remarks... Yet, we said nothing.

I) We have been treated like animals-- in fact, like less than animals. On January 17, 1969, Miss Joan Bird was kidnapped, beaten, and tortured. She was punched and beaten, given the "Thumb Torture", hung upside down by the ankle from out of a third-story window of a "Police Precinct". On April 2-3, 1969, all of us were placed under constant abuse and harassment, which included 24-hour lock-in, complete isolation, no library or recreation, lights kept on in our cells for 24 hours, physical assaults, deprivations of seeing our families, at times denied mattresses, medication, sheets showers, pillow-cases, towels, soap, toothpaste, and toilet paper.

Our families have suffered abuse in visiting us, and mental anguish. One of us suffered the loss of a child because of this. Some of our families had to go on welfare because of our outrageous incarceration and ransom. We were denied mail, even from our attorneys--denied access to consult all together with our attorneys. We have been subjected to the most onerous and barbaric of jail conditions. The objective of all this was our psychological and physical destruction during our pre-trial detention.

As Newsweek Magazine even states, "...the handling of the suspects between their arrest and their trial was something less than a model of American criminal justice," and "none of it was very becoming to the state...". (How well we know.) All this is a blatant violation of your own law as outlined in the 8th and 14th Amendments of your own Federal Constitution...Yet, we still remained silent.

J) You -- Murtagh. You came into the case in May 1969. You were informed of these conditions. You could have righted these blatant violations of your own law, the laws you have "sworn" to uphold. But you did not. You refused to do this... and remained silent. You tried to rush us pell-mell to trial, knowing full well that we were not, could not, be prepared....We remained silent.

We filed motions that are guaranteed to "citizens" by the 14th Amendment of your Federal Constitution. You denied them all. You denied us the rights as guaranteed in your laws in the 6th and 14th Amendments of your own Constitution, to conduct a voir dire of the Grand Jury in these proceedings, knowing full well that they did not comprise members of our peer group...We remained silent.

You denied us a hearing with which to be confronted with the witnesses against us, as is guaranteed by your law in the 6th Amendment of your Constitution...We remained silent.

You denied us a Bill of Particulars which is guaranteed by your laws in the 6th and 14th Amendments of your Constitution....We remained silent.

Two "suspects" were kidnapped under the modification of the Fugitive Slave Act in November 1969. You gave then no bail. (No sense pretending anymore, it seems)....We remained silent.

You denied us every state and federal constitutional right, and remained silent. You substantiated Mr. Marks' "the law does not apply" to us....Yet, we remained islent.

K) Lee Berry. Lee Berry is a classical example of how you and your cohorts conduct the "American System of Justice" when dealing with Black

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FROM: Defendants - N.Y. 21 TO: "Justice" Murtagh



people. On April 3, 1969 Lee Berry was a patient in the Veterans' Administration Hospital where he was receiving treatment as an epileptic, subject to Grand Mal seizures, which can be fatal. Lee Berry is not mentioned particularly in the "indictment". Yet, on April 3, 1969, your "police" dragged him out of the hospital. These "police" stood him up before your cohort, "Judge Marks. Lee was "arraigned" without counsel. Bail $100,000. He was thrown into an isolation cell in the Tombs without even a mattress. In July 1969, he physically attacked without provocation and without warning, while he was in a drugged stupor.

You were aware of his condition--you were quite aware. Numerous motions were in your "Great Court System". It took four months to even get him medication, and only in November when he had become ill, so progressively worse that it was frightening. He finally got consent to be transferred to Bellevue Hospital. Because of the courts' decisions under your "American Sysrem of Jusrice", Lee Berry has had four serious operations within the last two months. Because of the courts' decisions under the great American System of Justice at this precise moment Lee Berry is lying in the shadow of Death with a possible fatal case of pneumonia. At the very least, your Great Court System is guilty of attempted murder, and D.A. Hogan should be named as a co-defendant. Lee Berry is our Brother, and what is done to him, has been done to us all... and we remained silent.

L) In November 1969, four White persons were arrested for allegedly "bombing" various sites in New York City. They were arrested allegdly with "bombs in their possession", but they were White. For three of them, bail was reduced 80% in two days, because "the presumption of innocence is basic among both the statutory and constitutioanl principles affecting bail"...if you are White. (The political climate is such today, even this hardly matters anymore if one is dissident.)

Two days after that decision, we were brought in front of you and given a superceding "indictment". We could be silent no longer. We had been insulted enough--more than enough. We had been treated with contempt, in an atmosphere of intimidation for too long.

We must reiterate--we are looking at the situation objectivity. Objective Reality.

At the pre-trial hearings we are confronted with a "Judge" who had admitted, in fact, been indicted and arrested for ignoring "police" graft and corruption...a "Judge" who by his record shows an unblemished career of "police favoritism and All-American racism. In your previous dealings with Black people, you have shown yourself to be totally unjust, bloodthirsty, pityless, and inhuman. We are confronted with a District Attorney machine which has shown itself to be vigilant and unswerving in its racist policies. 90% of the inmates convicted are non-White and poor. This machine has shown itself to be unethical in its techniques and practices--even in front of our eyes--tactics which include going up and whispering to the witnesses on the stand, signalling and coaching them. We know as Look Magazine stated in June 1969 "how the police corrupt the truth... Prosecutors and Judged become their accomplices". To cite a small example: A man, a Black man .....was beaten to death in the Tombs in front of forty witnesses in May 1969 and the police swore that he died of a "heart attack". Yes, we know to what the police will swear to. All Black people, poor people, know to what the police will swear to. With all this, together with the hostility inculcated in the dominant White culture towards anything Black, is shown by you and your cohorts very well indeed. Under these conditions, and considering your stand against American racism, this in not only a challenge to us and Black people, but the whole people. To relate in terms you can understand, even Racist Woodrow Wilson stated (concerning fascism)"...This is a challenge to all mankind; there is one choice we cannot make, we are incapable of making, we will not choose the path of submission...we will be, we must be as harsh as the Truth and as uncompromising as Justice--true Justice is on our side"...To that we say, Right On!

VICTORY OF THE PHILADELPHIA TRASHMEN

Fascism has become as much of a historical fact here in Philadelphia as the so-called "Liberty" Bell. It has always been here, as all across America, but since the offing of a foul pig in January by persons unknown, the pigs have completely dropped their guise of "law and order" and unleashed open terror upon the people. In recent weeks, the "BLACK PANTHER - BLACK COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE" has carried articles from this branch describing the most blatant of these piggish crimes, so there is no need to again go into detail of them at the present time.

While his subordinate pigs got their rocks off of drawing Black people's blood the Chief Pig, "Commissioner" Rizzo, worked behind the scenes and had his lackey Mayor Tate appoint a pig, an ex-policeman, as Commissioner of the Streets Department. As you well know, brothers and sisters, the Department of Streets has under its jurisdiction the Sanitation Workers (trash collectors). As you know even better, the trash collectors in major cities are mostly Black. So, here's the scene--an ex-policeman as Streets Commissioner, plus qualified engineers within the Streets Department who should fill the job, plus trash collectors who don't want to work for a pig. Total these things and the result is a city-wide slowdown in trash collections.

Day by day, the trash piled up in Philly's streets, to the point where a health menace was declared in the city. Yet, Mayor Tate refused to back down on his announced appointment of Halferty (the pig who was to be Streets Commissioner). In fact, he called the city Business Manager back from a stay in Florida where he was recuperating from an illness for him to deal with the situation and went to Florida himself.

On February 16th, Halferty was sworn in as Streets Commissioner, in spite of the people's will. The Sanitation Workers Union continued to refuse to work overtime as they always had to do before the Halferty mess. The fascist courts, a tool of the ruling class, passed an injunction stating that the Sanitation Workers must work overtime. Since the injunction didn't say how long they had to work, the trash collectors would only work 15 minutes to an hour of overtime to comply with the injunction. By now, the streets were gorged with trash, being that collections were a week behind; but, the people, especially the Black community, was strongly supporting the trash workers. Pig Mayor Tate oinked that he would not cancel the appointment in the future. In accordance with their contract, the Sanitation Workers began refusing to drive garbage trucks that were defective in any way (which eliminated a very large portion of the trucks taken onto the streets) and taking off on sick leave, administrative leave and vacations. This drastically reduced the work force.

Now desperate, the city's oppressive machinery spent at least $30,000 to buy and distribute large plastic trash bags, telling Philadelphians to bag their own trash and haul it to the city's incinerators. The union, led by its courageous Business Manager, Earl Scott, remained firm in its stand. Pig Tate tried the all too familiar tactic of pacification, by offering to appoint Black deputies in the Streets Department. But the union refused to compromise and Earl Scott replied vigorously that it wasn't a race struggle (even though the Sanitation Union including Stout is mostly Black Halfery is White). Right On!! They just didn't want to work for a pig.

Halferty finally abandoned his stand that he wouldn't resign unless Mayor Tate asked him to and resigned. The workers were victorious in this small aspect of the overall struggle for self-determination.

Yet, the struggle against fascism and a police state here in Philly has only begun. The true mayor of this city is Pig Commissioner Rizzo, who at the same time he moved Halferty into his short-lived position as Streets Commissioner, placed another pig in charge of the Licenses and Inspections Department. While he condones his lackeys constantly escalating murder and brutality of the people, his own blood-stained hooves are forming his future administration which will be on hand by the time he runs for the title of Mayor (he already fills that office in practice). This is the same low-lifed creature who said, in reply to a lawsuit now in court against him on behalf of all Blacks in Philly for his endorsement of pig brutality and murder, that it was part of "an insidious plot to gain community control of police"!

The struggle here in Philly is escalating by leaps and bounds. Pigs have been offed or wounded--RIGHT ON!! Meanwhile, the fascist nature of the government is daily becoming more apparent by its mounting demagogy and physical terrorizing of the people. Philly, as is the rest of America is the world's new Reichstag, every pig station as Auchsweitz oven, every street of the Black community a shooting gallery for American SS troopers, every pig chief an Adolf Eichmann and the poor and oppressed masses must not become the new Jews!

Fascism will not disappear of its own accord, even though it is the manifestation of a dying institution--capitalism. It can only be defeated by the militant action of the masses, led by a revolutionary party striking the deathblows again and again at the proper time. The trash collectors of Philly wouldn't stand for a pig as their Commissioner and struck a blow at fascism. It is up to the poor and oppressed American masses to drive fascism to its timely grave by ANY MEANS NECESSARY!!!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Philadelphia Branch

FRIEND OF PANTHERS TRUCK BOMBED

Joan Siaz, a friend of the Black Panther Party was recently a victim of a racist attack from this--society. Her camper truck which she generously lends to the East Oakland Branch for the Breakfast for School Children Program and to work on the Black Panther paper was demolished by a fire bomb around 3:00 a.m. on February 22nd.

Joan was in the back of her house at 3938 Brookhaulter Avenue recording music when she heard a noise. "I started to go out but I didn't", she said. "About ten minutes later I heard hollering, I decided to run out and see what was wrong. When I opened the door the flames were shooting up about ten feet high off my truck. I put out the fire with my water hose. I then noticed the front window had been broken and on the front seat was a gasoline can on top of what were my Panther Papers. The whole cab and camper burned out. It's a total loss of about a thousand dollars."

FRED: What is the general feeling of your neighbors toward you?

JOAN: Well I don't know, I have quite a few friends here; they disagree with things I say but they never condemn me or anything. They figure I have the right to my own opinion.

FRED: Then your feelings are that people wouldn't do anything like that, or would they?

JOAN: I don't know. Lately I've noticed someone's been following the truck probably to check on my association with the Party.

Joan does a lot of work in and about her neighborhood. She not only propagandizes in her community but also her job. Her home is situated on Brookhaulter Ave. in East Oakland at the edge of the hills where a lot of pigs, racist and anglo-niggers stay. So it is easy to say that the traducer, the depraved individual, is in league with the reactionary elements of the lampoons of never-never land which consists of the myopic fascist Labor Force in this infested contaminated deplorable land. So we recognize that there is right and wrong, left and right, just and unjust, people and pigs, and revolutionary and reactionary, and wherever there's oppression, there has to be struggle.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
East Oakland Branch

NEW HAVEN PANTHER CASE: PRESSURE ON DEFENDANTS

N.H., Conn. (LNS) --Months before the New Haven Panther murder trial is to begin, the prosecution and police officials are increasing their coercion and intimidation of the Panther defendants.

Unwilling to wait until the trial starts, the officials are attempting, through the use of various cruel and illegal methods, to pressure the defendants into trying to save their own skins at the cost of betraying their brothers and sisters in the Black Panther Party.

The government brandishes the threat of the electric chair to frighten defendants into copping a plea-pleading guilty to a lesser charge, escaping trial on the capital charge, and in the process, helping the government case against the stalwart defendants who are not so easily frightened. If a prisoner can be scared enough, cut off from any support from friends and steadily threatened, convinced that no jury will rule anything but guilty, plea-copping can be made to look like a good deal--even to a prisoner who knows that he or she is innocent.

To this date, nine of the defendants, although subjected to eight months of pressure and brainwashing, have valiantly withstood this pressure. Two others, Loretta Luckes and Warren Kimbro, have given in to the pressure and have pleaded guilty to lesser charges.

The Panther defendants, including National Party Chairman Bobby Seale, are charged with the kidnap-torture-murder of Alex Rackley. If convicted, all face the death penalty. The Party maintains that Rackley was a member in good standing of the Panthers, and was murdered by police agents, including George Sams.

The police charge that Rackley was an informer in the New York 21 case, and was tried and executed by the Panthers. The fact that Bobby Seale, who was not even in New Haven at the time of the murder, has been charged in the case, is indicative of the fact that this trial, like the other Panther trials around the country, is a blatant attempt by the authorities to silence the Panthers by any means necessary.

The best way to comprehend what is currently going on in the case is to look at the individual treatment some of the Party members have received, and how they have reacted to it.

Francis Carter, age 22, is charged with being an accessory to murder, kidnapping, conspiracy, and binding. She was pregnant at the time of her arrest, and was forced to give birth under armed guard. Her lawyer, Catherine Roraback, moved last month that bail be granted Francis Carter because there was no substantial evidence against her. The court was forced to agree that this was so, and in a landmark decision, bail was granted for the first time ever in a Connecticut capital case. Francis Carter was bailed out Jan. 19, after her parents, who are not rich, scraped up a $750 bond to secure $10,000 bail.



BOBBY SEALE
Chairman, B.P.P.
Political Prisoner



ERICKA HUGGINS
Political Prisoner



FRANCIS CARTER
Political Prisoner



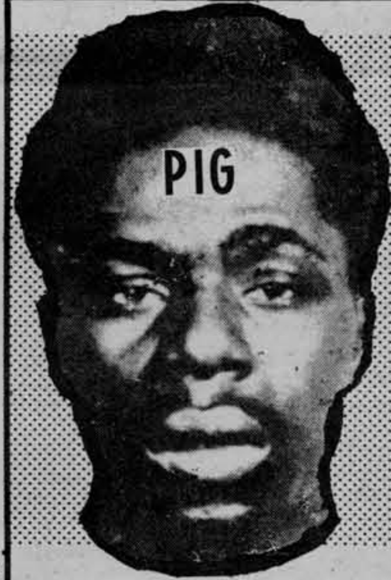
ALEX RACKLEY
Murdered by pigs



WARREN KIMBRO



JEANNE WILSON



GEORGE SAMS

But less than two days later, the State called Francis Carter to the stand, granted her a rather vague immunity (which deprives a defendant of the right to keep silent under the protection of the Fifth Amendment), and told her she must testify. Her lawyer protested the Constitutionality of this move, but she was overruled. Facing a bitter choice, Francis Carter nonetheless refused to testify, she explained, "not because I feared that anything I said would result in any harm to me by my brothers and sisters, but because I love and respect them and the masses of the people and would never turn on them."

Francis was immediately held in contempt of court. Her bail was revoked ($750 down the drain), and she was sentenced to six months in jail. The State was apparently afraid to have one of the defendants out of jail to tell the truth about this case, and hoped by freeing and then jailing her to force her to testify.

But even this kind of harassment, including being separated from her two-month-old child, did not break Francis Carter's spirit. In a statement written just after the bail was revoked, she said, "I'd rather rot in jail than give State's Attorney Markle a chance to try to gain some manhood (which he lacks) or inflate his ego any more than what it is. I have the people with me. As long as they continue to have faith in me, I'll remain strong...Markle and his lackeys cannot jail my spirit and they definitely can't jail the revolution. SEIZE THE TIME. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!"

When Francis Carter was taken back to jail, she was isolated from the other Panther prisoners and placed in with the convicted criminals, people she had never met before. But the word of her courageous stand was already out. The prisoners presented her with the best gift they could produce while in jail: a box of lotions, candies and the like. Later, when she walked into the prison theater to see a movie, the other prisoners rose (in clear view of the warden, who watched helplessly), cheered, and saluted her with clenched fists.

For Warren Kimbro, age 32, things did not work out even as well as this. Kimbro is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping, conspiracy, and binding. He was a provisional member of the Panther Party at the time of his arrests last spring. He has been held, like the other prisoners, without bail and has been denied access to any literature or encouragement from the Panther Party. Last month, the prosecution and police moved to crack Kimbro by putting special pressure on him: his brother, it turns out, is a police detective, and was brought to the jail to convince him that his only hope was to plead guilty to a lesser charge. His brother's words about Kimbro are not surprising for a policeman discussing a Panther: "He was not innocent...He's always been hot-headed. He was having domestic troubles, too. And then he met that girl Ericka Huggins."

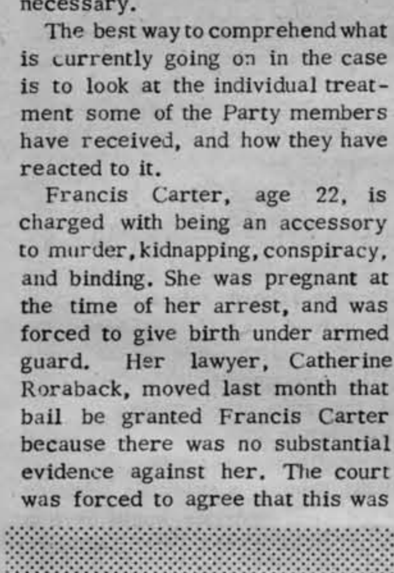
As if this were not enough, a New Haven detective spent several hours the next day questioning Kimbro, without the knowledge of his lawyer, which is strictly illegal. The pressure on Kimbro by the police brother and the detective was too much: later that week, he pleaded guilty to second degree murder, a non-capital offense. Although Kimbro thus saved his own skin, it is not yet known that what story he will tell at the trial, especially on the key issue of Bobby Seale's alleged involvement in the case. According to Panther Party Captain Doug Miranda, "We know Warren is innocent and he knows he's innocent." But the system of plea bargaining took Kimbro as its victim.

Jeanne Wilson, age 16, is legally a juvenile, so her case was "adjudicated" in juvenile court last summer. Although she was placed on probation, she was then jailed immediately as a "material witness." Later she was forced to testify for the prosecution at the bail hearing for five of the Panther prisoners. Last month, however, when the defense tried to call her to testify at a hearing concerning illegal search and arrest in the case, the authorities could not "find" her. Since she was supposedly being held in jail, there was quite a bit of embarrassment among the court officials. It turned out that Judge Palmer had secretly let her out of custody after she had testified for the prosecution, and she had been taken immediately to New Jersey. So while the prosecution had been able to question her extensively, the defense is to be prevented from doing so because it is impossible to subpoena an out-of-state person in this type of case.

Lonnie McLucas, age 24, is charged with first degree murder, kidnapping, conspiracy, and binding. He was arrested in Salt Lake City and brought to New Haven. He is charged by George Sams (the leading witness for the police) with having shot Rackley. Now that both Sams and Kimbro have "confessed," the pressure on McLucas is tremendous.

But McLucas, who the Panthers described in a recent bulletin as "a truly revolutionary servant of the people," has not folded, and so the pressure upon him is being stepped up. He is now being held in isolation in a tiny cell, with visits and communication, especially those of a political nature, severely limited. In what the State's Attorney hoped would be the crowing blow, it was announced that McLucas's case would be separated from the others and brought to trial immediately. It is considered unlikely that this would happen, but the pressure upon McLucas is nonetheless increased.

However, this trick has not worked. McLucas, and the remaining eight defendants, have held out. They know that they are being jailed as part of a systematic attempt to silence the Panther Party, and, like Francis Carter, they are able to maintain their faith in the people and in the Black Panther Party.



FRED SMITH
On $50,000. bond

UNDERCOVER PIG SHOT DEAD IN NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY

The pig's name was Frank Hawley. He was an undercover pig and only one or two people in the community knew he was a pig. This pig Hawley was put into the insurance business by the city with tax money in order to use entrapment on the brothers from the the block. Pig Hawley ran a numbers joint, he was a fence, and he brought in scag (heroin) and bought and sold scag in our community. He would have brothers stealing for him and pay them off in scag and get them busted; he would take the money that the people put down on the numbers alright, but when it came to paying off when the people hit, this pig couldn't be found (that's how he got killed). This lowdown dog had young bloods selling scag for him and if they came up short they got busted. And if a brother bought scag off Hawley there was a nine out of ten chance he would get busted for possession of scag.

This pig Hawley was shot to death after refusing to pay brother Fred Smith who had hit the numbers for $3200. Not only did he refuse to pay the brother but proceeded to draw his pistol and shoot twice at Fred Smith. Fred fell back and drew a piece and blew Hawley away with 4 shots to the pigs chest and stomach, then he (Fred) split.

This happened Saturday afternoon and from Saturday night to Monday night, pig chief Ahern and the pig news media waged a campaign of mis-information about how Hawley had been fighting drug traffic, and how he was viciously shot down in the line of duty-oink, oink,oink. Then Saturday night the pigs took out 42 bench warrants for arrest of some brothers for conspiracy to murder. Sunday 100 more warrants were issued. The pigs moved in like Adolph Hitler's fascists. They hit the most popular pool room and busted everyone in the place including the owner and 27 others. Then they went to bars and after hours places and just herded the people into the trucks like animals. They busted more than what they had warrants to, so the pigs charged them with possession of scag, loitering, etc.

By Monday night the raids had stopped, and a coalition had been formed for the Defense of Fred Smith. Now the pig department is trying desperately to justify the fact that they have put pig agents in communities to consistantly break the law with the people's tax money, and to trap people. This was in an editorial in the New Haven Register - although they also supported the pigs in their other activities.

At this time Fred Smith and some of the other brothers arrested in the "conspiracy" are on $50,000. bond.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

New Haven Chapter
Black Panther Party

Racist Pigs of New Haven Continue in their Efforts to Control and Oppress Black

The racist pig cops of New Haven have struck again. In their efforts to control and oppress Black people, they have gone to many extremes. They have brutalized the people by ignoring crime, when it is committed by the greedy businessmen, and by the lying politicians. They have helped to damage Black children with lead poisoning by refusing to enforce adequate housing codes on landlords. They have killed Black youths by ignoring the sale of dope on all levels, until it reaches its user in the Black community. They have killed Panthers and have tried to frame the People's Party - the Black Panther Party for it. And now they have attacked a whole section of the New Haven Black community for the deserved death of one of their own.

Frank Hawley, an undercover pig, instigated crime-willfully involved Black people in the Hill section in numbers games, and the receiving and selling of stolen goods, and he especially bought and sold dope, on the assumption that a dope addict can't be a revolutionary.

Pig Hawley's task was to keep track of the Hill area Black youths, to involve them in crime, but especially in scag (heroin) whenever possible. This nigger pig spy for the rich pig power structure made good his job of entrapment, for the Pigs' vengeance on the Hill area for the righteous and justified death of this agent provocateur was the arrest of at least 23 brothers, and the issuance of perhaps as many as 100 warrants in New Haven and New York.

HOW and WHY did this pig agent die? Hawley attacked Fred Smith, shooting at him at least twice before Fred shot back in self defense after someone threw him a .32 revolver.

The piggish nature of our courts actually presumes a Black man guilty until proven innocent, beyond the shadow of a doubt. (The oppressed have no rights that the oppressor feels bound to respect.)

For this, Fred Smith has been jailed on a first-degree murder charge without bond. If the pigs would have killed Fred, the courts would rule it justifiable homocide. The pig courts did this in Chicago when Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton and Mark Clark were assassinated in their sleep by Chicago's finest mobsters.

So we see these tactics of the New Haven blue bandits as blatant repression of the Black community from start to finish. What kind of foul minds can set up a storefront pig agent to start and continue crime in the Black community, and to insure the distribution of heroin to young brothers and sisters, and when the punk, a boot-licker, gets shot by a member of the community acting in self-defense, Ahern, Guida and their lackeys have the nerve to call him an honorable man.

How many more undercover pigs, boot-licking toms and agent provocateurs are running loose in the New Haven Black community? In Black communities all over the country? The people will surely find out sooner or later and will deal with these hogs who are trying to repress and to destroy the Black community at every turn.

So we must realize the treacherous activities of pig Hawley, especially his deliberate involvement in pushing scag (heroin), are nothing more than "domestic counter-insurgency programs" the Afro-American equivalent of the pig power structure's Vietnam "pacification programs." Further the blatant fascist reaction of the New Haven pigs in arresting 23 brothers and searching for many more on the entrapment and frame charges of their agent provocateur amongst the people, can only be equated with the first wholesale round-ups for concentration camps in fascist Germany. Thus, it must be understood that every Black man put in prison now is a political prisoner.

We, the people, must understand that the pigs are a grave threat to our continued existence, and that to insure the end of pigs running amuck in the community, we must implement community control of police through the ballot or the bullet - through the petitions for decentralization and community control of the police, or the guns of the armed people.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Black Panther Party
New Haven Chapter
Lt. of Information
Cappy Pinderhughes

Revolutionary Letter From The Community

Panthers:

Up until last month I was the most passive, ignorant Black woman you could ever run across. I knew there was a problem, but would not admit that it is as critical as I now know it to be. Now I know that there are many Black people throughout this country who are as ignorant of the problems we face as I was. And this is just a small effort on my part to try to help them AWAKEN. I'm not a Panther, but I'm Black, and in being that I can't just lay back and say, "I know there's a problem, but what can I do about it, or it will work itself out. That's a whole lot of bull. It won't work itself out. Not today or tomorrow or ever. WE have to do it ourselves. I can do plenty, and I'm going to start NOW.



I am enclosing a copy of the McCarran Act, which you may have already read, may have already printed before. I don't know but, I'm going to ask you to print it again, and maybe again if necessary. I have had 20 years of white brainwashing, and that's really a shame. As a matter of fact it's a damn shame it took me twenty years to find out that my life and my child's life ain't worth a damn. So you could never print some articles too many times. The McCarran Act to me, could be vital in helping some of my Brothers and Sisters see just exactly where the pigs are coming from. And if that don't move them then I'll find something else. I won't give up because I can't. I know what's going on. I am AWARE. I am being liberated and I will be a revolutionary.

So I have to ask you to please print this in your paper so that hopefully some of the brothers and sisters can find out just what the pig has in mind for them.

It may not do what it should to all of them, but every time one Black person finally realizes, then they tell another brother and it goes on and on. You may think it's a damn slow process. But right now, today for me it's one way among many. I won't stop there.

And I'm gonna get me a gun, and I won't hesitate to use it.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

SHARON BENSON

Open Letter to the People

THE YEAR OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMED STRUGGLE "1970"

Here in the hell of L.A. fascism, you dig, I am a revolutionary and a political prisoner of war (POW) I speak out loud and clear to all oppressed people throughout the world. I recognize that we must consolidate ourself so we can attain freedom for all mankind. As you may know in the history of man their desire is to be free. But in this day and time all opressed people are slaves, because of this US imperialist aggressor.

Because I am a revolutionary that is fighting here in Babylon I realize that Black and all oppressed people struggle here in fascist America and the struggle abroad is one and the same. So we all must join in the fight for freedom. But here in Babylon the people are used as a tool. The U.S. fascist government is committing genocide on all the young men here for their own capitalistic reasons, just so they can profit. They are making the people in Vietnam (soldiers) kill the poor and oppressed people there, and occupying their community just like the pigs are occupying the Black community. They are committing murder and brutality on Black people and all poor oppressed people in general. The pigs' duty here in this capitalistic Babylon is to protect and serve the property owned by the capitalist class. The pigs are not here for poor people, but only for the ruling class. This class of people keep the pigs off in the oppressed people's community, to make sure that the poor people will not get what is rightfully theirs.

So now the B.P.P. said that it is time for all this mess to stop because all people want to be free; and the party is made up by the people, for the people, and of the people. We are for peace and that is the ultimacy of our goal.

Huey P. Newton says, "The racist dog policemen must withdraw immediately from our communities, cease their wanton murder and brutality and torture of Black people, or face the wrath of the armed people.

Right On!!!
Let's Free Ourselves!!
L.A. 18 (POW)

The Duck and Blue

Racist dog policemen must stop the torture and brutality of Brothers and Sisters held in Federal, State County, and City prisons and jails.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!

Blue

SEIZE THE TIME

Comrades R. Palmer and Zip.

All power to the people. Incarcerated here in this L.A. pig house, it's kind of hard for the feelings I have for the people and my comrades to be expressed. But I love you all because of the beautiful work, all the work that is being done out there for the people's struggle.

But here in Dodge City time is right for us to show the pigs what the spirit of the people really is!!

We are trying to educate all of the inmates here. The brothers here with me say all power to the people! Have faith in the people and the party and be strong. Our spirits are very high. We love you all. I want you guys to send me Marx Lenin, and Stalin. We need this very badly. When we get out in the streets of Dodge City there is going to be changes made. I promised if I ever fall by the hands of the oppressor, I will take a lot of them, you dig. But only through my practice will you know because practice is the criterion of the truth.

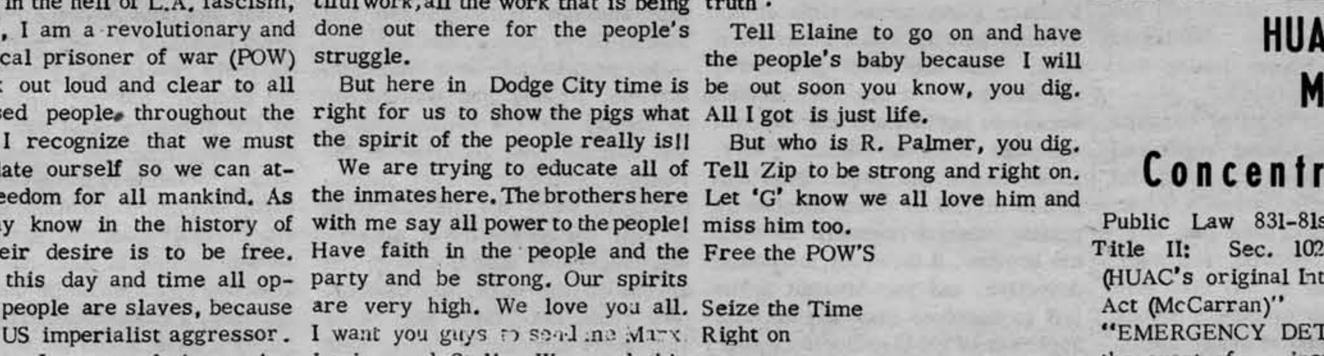
Tell Elaine to go on and have the people's baby because I will be out soon you know, you dig. All I got is just life.

But who is R. Palmer, you dig. Tell Zip to be strong and right on. Let 'G' know we all love him and miss him too.

Free the POW'S

Seize the Time
Right on

The Duck



"THE HEIRS OF MALCOLM X HAVE PICKED UP THE GUN AND ARE MOVING FOR THEIR TOTAL FREEDOM"

HUEY P. NEWTON
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

HUAC's Internal Security Act McCarran Act . Title II

Concentration (Detention) Camps

Public Law 831-81st Congress: Title II: Sec. 102: 103: & 104 (HUAC's original Internal Security Act (McCarran)"

"EMERGENCY DETENTION: In the event of ......insurrection...the President is authorized to make public proclamation...of an Internal Security Emergency...and...acting through the Attorney General is... authorized to apprehend and detain ...each person as to whom there is reasonable ground to believe ...PROBABLY WILL....CONSPIRE with others to engage in acts .. of sabatoge...Persons apprehended ...shall be confined in....places of detention...prescribed by the Attorney General.

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CHAPTER X

CONCLUSION

Once the ghetto is sealed off, and depending upon the violence being perpetrated by the guerrillas, the following actions could be taken by the authorities:

(1) A curfew would be imposed in the enclosed isolated area. No one would be allowed out of or into the area after sundown.

(2) During the night the authorities would not only patrol the boundary lines but would also attempt to control the streets and if necessary, send out foot patrols throughout the entire area. If the guerrillas attempted to either break out of the area or to engage the authorities in open combat they would be readily suppressed.

(3) During a guerrilla uprising most civil liberties would have to be suspended, search and seizure operations would be instituted during the daylight hours, and anyone found armed or without proper identification would immediately be arrested. Most of the people of the ghetto would not be involved in the guerilla operation and under conditions of police and military control, some would help in ferreting out the guerrillas. Their help would be invaluable.

(4) If the guerrillas were able to hold out for a period of time then the population of the ghetto would be classified through an officer for the "control and organization of the inhabitants." This office would distribute census cards which would bear a photograph of the individual, the letter of the district in which he lives, his house and street number, and a letter designating his home city. This classification would aid the authorities in knowing the exact location of any suspect, and

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HUEY P. NEWTON MINISTER OF DEFENSE B.P.P. POLITICAL PRISONER

HUEY P. NEWTON B-17121

A-E San Luis Obispo, 93401

February 24, 1970

RECEIVED MARCH 2, 1970
Garry, Drefus, McTernan & Brotsky

Gentlemen:

Please place this letter in my permanent personal parole file.

I hereby request that my Attorneys be present at the hearing when the Adult Authority considers my parole this April, and that my Attorneys have access to review and reproduction of the documents which the Adult Authority will consider and base their decision upon, prior to the hearing.

I hereby request a written statement of all reasons why I am on Lock-Up, including a separate specification of each reason and a statement of whether the said reason is that I refuse, on grounds of constitutional principle, to work for less than the minimum wage, and until all inmates receive the minimum wage. As you know, and as I previously stated in writing, I have requested permission to use the Educational facilities offered by the State of California to all prisoners, including correspondence courses, all of which has been denied.

I further request that my reply and my Attorneys' reply in writing to the statement of reasons be placed in the file and considered by the Adult Authority.

Huey P. Newton
Huey P. Newton

CC:
Charles Garry
Fay Stender
Senator Mervin Dymally

THE PERFORMANCE GAP AND THE RACIST POLICY

In his news conference of Friday, January 30, President Richard Nixon stated what he would do to gain confidence "among Black people."

The task, as posed, was relatively simple. Black America, as the President saw it, was suffering from a "performance gap - big promises and little action, and as a result immense frustration which flared into violence."

The President made no mention of the nature of the big promises or the little action. They concern the century-old violated constitutional rights of Black citizens, the contempt shown by those in power for the dignity of Black people and the denial of job, educational and other social opportunities to them, and to their children. They concern the welfare and the unity of the nation.

The matter is simple. Black America is frustrated. But its frustration stems from the abject failure of City, State and Federal governments to end the violence which inevitably must and does accompany a violation of rights and dignity. End the century-old racist war against Black America and the frustration ends. Nixon didn't entertain that idea. He said: "Now I know all the words. I know all the gimmicks and the phrases that would win the applause of Black audiences and professional civil rights leaders. I'm not going to use them. I'm interested in deeds. I'm interested in closing the performance gap and IF we can get our welfare reform. IF we can stop the rise of crime which terrorizes those who live in our central cities. IF we can move on the programs that I mention with regard to rual areas--where 52 percent of the Black people live, IF we provide the job opportunity and the opportunity for business enterprise for Black people and other minority for, then, when I finish office, I would rather be measured by my deeds than all the fancy speeches I may have made. And I think then the Black people may opprove of what we (Republicans) did. I don't think I'm going to win them with the words" (imp. W.L.P.)

The iffy speech was over. No mention was made of the racist policy of government that violates the nation's commitment to the Charter of the United Nations as well as the Constitution of the U.S.A. To close the performance gap profound changes in the economic, political and social structure of the U.S. are needed. Such changes are needed even for reforms for which desperate struggle continues to be waged.

A promise of deeds based upon an iffy program which does not condemn the racist policy of government can only be a monstrous hoax.

The performance gap stems from a hundred years failure to enforce the Constitution. Nixon seeks now to pack the top court with racist reactionaries. With racist spokesmen at this strategic point of government, progressive laborites will find the fight to better their conditions imperiled, the peace advocates will be menaced, the Nixon-Agnew Mitchell axis masses for an intensification of its war against Black Americans and all semblance of democracy and peace "endangered".

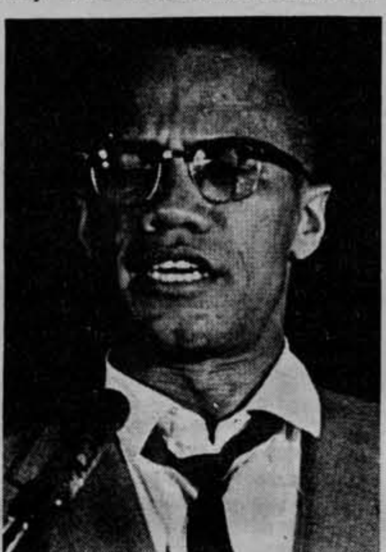
The evil deeds of Nixon are not aimed alone at Black America. The call for black-white unity in struggle is not a call predicated on the needs of Black citizens alone.



WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

Deeds are necessary. They must result from the unity of action of the peace forces, the National Liberation front fighters of America and those from the ranks of labor who understand its historic role as a leader in the fight to save the U.S.A. and bring world peace.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON



MALCOLM X

BLACK MUSLIMS ASSAULT THE PEOPLE AT MALCOLM X FESTIVAL HELD AT PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"The death of Malcolm X left Elijah Muhammed in unchallenged control of the largest Black organization in this country."
C. Eric Lincoln
Malcolm X--The Man and His Times

The unprovoked attack by the Black Muslims against the people attending a Malcolm X Fund Raising Memorial Program was uncalled for. Black students attending the Philadelphia Community College were sponsoring this activity so that the people could once again share the thoughts, ideas and philosophy of brother Malcolm, slain leader of our people.

The evening of Saturday, February 21st, again witnessed the antagonistic responses of reactionary elements within the struggle for the libertion of our people.

On Saturday, because certain Muslims disliked the idea of people honoring Malcolm, they decided to disrupt the program. They did this in the form of throwing chairs at women and children, direct attacks on brothers and total disregard for the human rights of the people. They revealed themselves to the people as an enemy, thus lowering themselves to the level of Pigs.

On Saturday, February 21, 1970, it was truly seen by the people, that the Black Muslims have fallen victims to their own predictions of doom for the White devil; they in turn react as Black devils.

At this stage and time, one would hope that the Black Muslims would reevaluate their concept of who and what the oppressor really is, therefore, eliminating their oppressive tactics against their own brothers and all people.

After the incident occured at the college, the Black Panther Party was asked by the brothers and sisters to come to the school. The Party responded by sending Panthers to investigate the situation. Interviews were held with individuals who had witnessed the attack.

The Black Student League sponsored the affair, their primary objective as stated before, was a salute to Malcolm. The income from the benefit was to be used as a scholarship fund for Black students entering and attending the college.

At the onset of the program, the Muslims rose from their seats, and began to condemn. When they were asked to leave, they began to attack the people. One child was injured in the chair throwing melee. One brother was badly beaten, kicked in the eye, and the result of his injury may impair his eyesight.

The Black Student League is requesting an official apology from Muslim leader Jeremiah X and from Muslim leader Elijah Muhammed. Feelings of the group are that they did nothing to provoke such an attack.

The feelings expressed by several of those interviewed related that the attack upon the program and the people was planned. There is also some speculation that the Muslims were also armed.

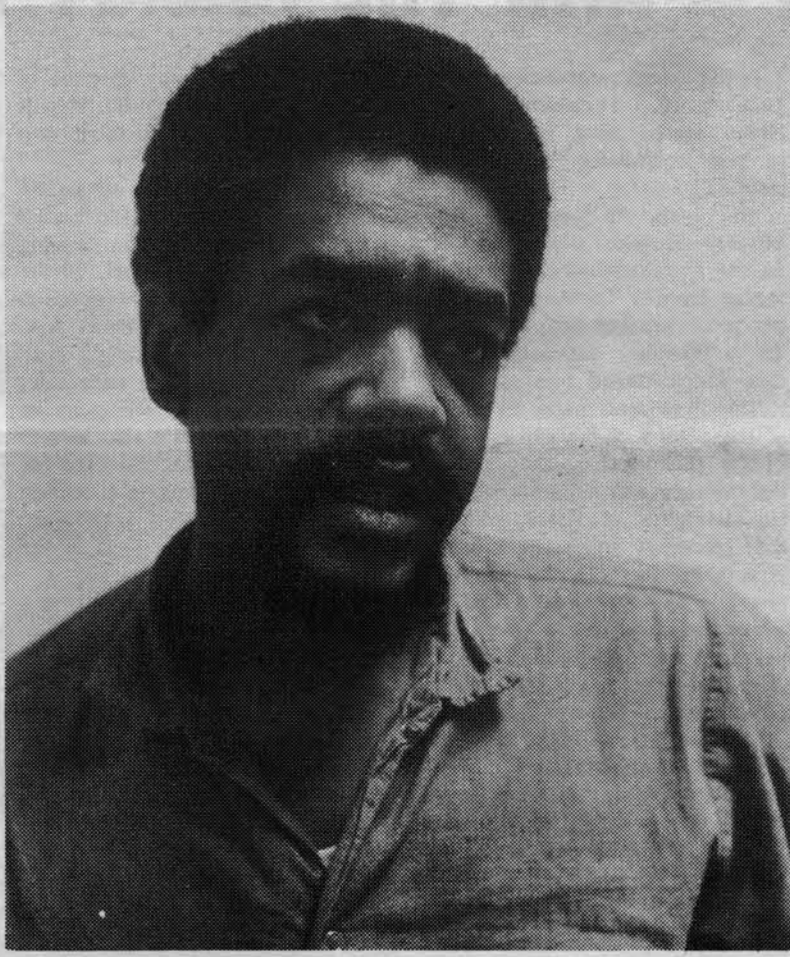
It is at this point, that the Black Panther Party wishes to stress to

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Bobby Seale Raps on the Conspiracy Trial, the New Haven Panther Trial and the New York Panther 21 Trial

LIBERATION NEWS SERVICE

(Editor's Note: The following interview with Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, was conducted in his San Francisco jail cell where he is awaiting extradition proceedings to extradite him to Connecticut He and 14 other New Haven Panthers are charged with conspiracy to murder Alex Rackley. The Panthers claim that Rackley was a Panther in good standing, murdered by a police agent.)



BOBBY SEALE, CHAIRMAN, B.P.P.

INTERVIEWER: Can you tell us what it was like going back to Chicago to testify in the conspiracy trial?

SEALE: I was simply testifying for the other seven defendants, based on the fact that I was there in Chicago . They demanded that I be allowed to come as a witness. The testimony in essence brought out that the speech I gave was about our right to defend ourselves and that we won't compromise that right.

Of course Dick Schultz tried to trick me with trick questions but I swore to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and in the process of telling the truth I speak my own mind, in my own tone. I literally told Dick Schultz at one point that he was asking trick questions and he knew he was, the questions that he was throwing at me were basically unintelligible. I said, "I don't understand what it is, and I'm sure the jury doesn't even understand what it is". Dick Schultz had to admit that, well yeah, maybe the question was unintelligible. And he proceeded to ask the question in a more intelligible light which I answered more readily.

Under testimony, I always answer questions with qualifications so that people will understand what my answer is. A witness has the right to answer a question anyway he wants, he can't be forced to answer yes or forced to answer no. He has to answer a question if he can answer it.

It was a trick operation that Schultz was trying to pull. We had a tape recording and a transcription of my Lincoln Park speech in the courtroom, so people were able to see exactly what I said. Previously, Pierson, who was a witness for the government, had testified that I had said, "Kill the pigs, off the pigs." But of course, those were not my words, I never even used those words in that form or fashion.

Pierson also said in that testimony that I had said that we should assassinate Mayor Daley. I had never even mentioned Daley's name in my speech, or ever mentioned assassinating anyone. The words, the terms, the reference weren't even implied in the speech in Lincoln Park. The tape recording cleared that up, the actual transcription being given to the jury members while they listened to the tape of exactly what I said.

So Schultz moved to the other speech that I gave, in Grant Park, and tried to say that I said that we should "Kill all the pigs and send them to the morgue on a slab." I never even used the term "morgue on a slab", I don't even relate to defining statements that way, and I never said that. Garry said that I shouldn't even answer the question because if there was no transcription of the speech at Grant Park the second day, after the Lincoln Park speech, then Schultz would stick someone on the stand in the future to lie on me and try to send me to jail for perjury. Claiming that I did say that when in fact I didn't. So Garry instructed me that I shouldn't even answer that question on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate me, but he was speaking futuristically of how Schultz might try to manipulate or operate in such a way as to get me in jail.

But that's generally what happened at the trial; I testified all day that day. Direct examination and cross examination, and I explained the language of the ghetto and what we say and what we mean by those things. A couple of the jurors even smiled at me, it seemed that they were glad to see me again, for some reason or another.

INTERVIEWER: Did you get a chance to see the other defendants at all?

SEALE: They wouldn't let me see the defendants at all. I saw them as I came into the courtroom but there were two or three marshals between me and the defendants. And everybody in the courtroom stood up and said, "Bobby, how ya "doin'"? and all that. The judge didn't like that.

At one point in the testimony, I was trying to qualify my answer to a question, but they didn't want me to qualify it. They had asked me some kind of question about whether I meant "picking up a piece" as a gun. I said yes, and also, I was getting ready to say, picking up a piece could be anything, a mechanism to defend yourself with because we're a broad political Party. And the true weapon, as I referred to it in the speech, is all the people united against fascism, pig brutality and oppression. That's why I was going to qualify myself in saying what a piece was because a piece could be very broad, it's not limited to a gun.

So this guy says, "No, no he's already answered the question, I don't want him to answer anymore." I said, "What do you mean, I'm going to answer the question my own say." "Mr. Seale, you've already answered." I said, "I strike the question. I'm not going to let you use that question to try to incriminate me."

The judge got mad, "I'll do the striking from the record." I said, "You can do the striking from the record, but that question there is not answered right. So I don't accept it, it's not answered the way I wanted to answer it." They didn't dig that. Then they went on with the cross examination.

INTERVIEWER: Do you have any general feelings now about the conspiracy trial?

SEALE: It's a complete railroad operation, and anyone knows that Hoffman takes the side of the government. Every once in a while you read in the papers about how some slick lawyer for the power structure is going to try to clean up for Hoffman. They say Hoffman knows how to use the law -- Hoffman don't know how to use no law. Hoffman knows some law verbatim and can take them out of pigeonholes and use them against people to cover up his fascist operation, but everybody can see that the man is completely biased and prejudiced toward the defendants, myself or anybody else who protests or dissents.

INTERVIEWER: How about the jury, is it possible that they haven't been taken in or have been moved enough by the defense that they won't come in with a guilty verdict?

SEALE: I feel that the jury has been taken in. I really do. But there are a couple of jurors who are seemingly, just from watching their actions, more open-minded. I just don't know anything about the rest of the jurors, I've been looking at them. I remember that one of them actually cried crocodile tears when the judge sat up there like a fool and gagged me.

Overall, we can't separate the trial from the Nixon-Agnew-Mitchell team, everybody knows that. If they don't know that they have to understand it. I understand another thing about the trial, about the way Hoffman has made all those deliberate legal mistakes and biases with the prosecution. When the case goes to higher courts for appeals, obviously the Nixon - Agnew - Mitchell administration would prefer the case be thrown out on a mistrial basis or violation of the defendants' constitutional rights. They don't want it thrown out on the constitutionality of the said law that we were all charged with. Because understanding how the regime builds itself into a more overt fascist state than it is already, they need this law as a means, they need this law on the books for the next ten, fifteen, twenty-five years to scare people away and to trump-up charges on the people just from going to a speaking engagement. That's very important for people to see and understand in an overall way.

My general attitude toward the overall trial, you know what that is. And it's not only because I'm a defendant, because I know what it's doing to the constitutional rights of the American peole as a whole. Black people's rights have been violated for so many years, and now even White people's rights are violated in the country overtly like this, then Black people will never get any freedom. And if Black people's rights are continually being violated, then it's obvious that White people's rights are being violated. My overall attitude toward the trial is a complete rejection of a fascist operation.

INTERVIEWER: Right now you're waiting to be sent to New Haven for trial there, do you have any comment abou that trial?

SEALE: This is going to be another fascist operation, it's not anything else but that. We have a lot of information that I think we're going to have trouble getting in. We have a lot of facts, we can prove George Sams to be an agent--and I think the court is going to do everything they can to stop us from being able to present these things in court to prove that this is part and parcel of a government operation behind the scenes with fascist agents and a Black racist. George Sams is the key one, the main person who has done all this to try to discredit the Black Panther Party. I think most people aren't going to want to understand it, we have a hard fight against us in this trial, and we have a lot of things we have to bring out.

Sergeant DeRosa of the New Haven police department is one of the main ones working on the local level in conjunction with the federal fascist pigs to get this thing against us. And one of the recent things they did concerning Warren Kimbro was that Sgt. DeRosa got a hold of Warren Kimbro's brother who is a policeman, a pig in my definition of it, from Florida. He came to town under an assumed name. Warren Kimbro's sister, who is not in jail, didn't even know that her policeman brother was in town. He and Sgt. DeRosa went behind the lawyers' backs and began to question Warren and scare him and threaten him. They scared him with the electric chair, they scared him about his kids and everything, who are already being oppressed in the community. Warren Kimbro, seemingly from all the information I got now , is a new member to the Party.

He was scared and copped out to a second degree murder charge. His brother, Sgt. DeRosa scared the hell out of him, and he jumped up and hollered he would plead guilty to this thing which he's not guilty of, he was just trying to get off, I guess, with some short time or something they supposedly promised him Now the lawyer for Warren Kimbro has filed a motion on the basis that it was involuntary, and one of the most direct violations of constitutional rights for the police to make Warren Kimbro talk by scaring him. The police had told Warren Kimbro after he talked that he was going to have to fire his lawyer. Well, he hadn't fired his lawyer and the lawyers filed a motion on an involuntary plea. So we'll see what happens. Warren Kimbro may retract his guilty pleas. But anyway, this is the behind the scenes operation that has been consistently going on.

Another thing we heard is this so-called Sams is up there in the jail and they've given him a club to walk around the jail with. He's beating and brutalizing prisoners up there, saying that he's going to get out of jail pretty soon and he'll run the jail. He's just a righteous pig brutalizing the other inmates in the jail.

INTERVIEWER: Do you have any information about what happened to Frances Carter?

SEALE: They gave her six months for what they call contempt of court. Because at one point she took the fifth amendment on one question or something like this, so she got six months in jail.

INTERVIEWER: Do you think they were trying to bribe her or something?

SEALE: They were trying to set her up to get her to probably lie on me, to get her probably to lie on Erica Huggins, the leaders of the Party--use one to smash ten, something like that. But it didn't work. It's another one of the operations I think that people should look into to show that the case against us is a bunch of flimsy bull, and that they're working behind the scenes and trying to get people to come up scared of the electric chair and offer immunity to one or two or three people, or something like this. If they testify they won't be prosecuted. But they probably want to make her say on the witness stand that somebody did this, somebody did this, make her lie on the witness stand against other members. She didn't go for it, which is very good. I don't know how long she'd been in the Party at the time, but it's good that she understood that this is the way the pig power structure works, to use one against another. I think that it's very progressive and I would hope she doesn't get scared at any point.

We're not guilty of this, and we'll just go right on down to the end with it, and let people know what's going on. becuase we've got information to expose Sams for what he is.

INTERVIEWER: To your knowledge was Alex Rackley a Panther in good standing or a police agent?

SEALE: I never knew Rackley, but what's been reported to me so far; Alex Rackley was a brother in good standing, a brother who was jammed seemingly by this agent George Sams. Everything seemingly was done by George Sams from all the information we got. And then it's all turned around and the federal government and the establishment press has used all this to try to animalize the Black Panther Party, to try to smash the Black Panther Party and blame it on Party members. Alex Rackley was a brother in the Black Panther Party and he was murdered and this is what the situation is.

We're just as mad about that as about Bobby Hutton or another. Although I never knew him at all, it's another murderous operation that went down. In the beginning when this first started hitting us in the face we had to figure out what was going on. But through our investigations we've come up with enough information to know what's going on. We suspected in the first place, because we knew we weren't guilty, and now with the other information we've got that we know we can present in court, we'll start announcing the fact that we're gonna deal with it.

INTERVIEWER: In New York, a similar case where Panthers have been charged with blowing up the Botannical Gardens and Department Stores, where they're still in jail on enormously high bail-- is there anything you can say about the progress of this case?

SEALE: One sister on $100,000 finally got out. Some organization paid the whole $100,000 bail They still won't let the others out. This is the latest progress in the whole thing We just don't have enough money to bail all the brothers out because they keep it at $100,000 each which is over $1,000,000 altogether. And the bail bondsmen as usual are scared to bail them out. This fear doesn't come from whether or not we can pay the money, bail bondsmen know we can put up the money because ultimately we will keep working until we reaise all the funds. But it's the power struture behind the scene which threatens the bail bondsman with licenses and stuff not to touch the rest of the members.

Dahruba, one of the leaders of the New York Chapter, is the one they definitely don't want to get out. We need Dahruba out because he has a lot of information--we think they might want to try to kill Dahruba because he has information on the provacateur agents directly related to lying on the Panthers and putting this together. Blowing up buildings, one thing I'll say and I've said before and everybody knows is that we don't blow up buildings with our people it it, we don't blow up buildings where our people go because you don't organize people that way at all.

To The World War I Babies......

Get off your 'do nothing' stool and do something, like supporting the Black youth. Remember the days when Mama would bring Miss Ann's left over dinners home for her family; and Black Johnny wearing white Johnny's clothes. And the days of the 'zoot suit' and the 'reet pleat', and you couldn't have one? I could be talking about 40 years ago or I could be talking about today because the same things are happening. You are told to support the 'blue feather', you support it; you are told to support the 'green cross' you support it, now I'm asking you to support the Black youth. Because our fore-parents left us no heritage, is this what you are going to leave our Black youth? You pay for men to go to the moon, and all the pay our children are asking is for a little support.



You know I have walked the streets and looked at little children some of them with Black dusty faces......and all of them are saying help. Think of all the free breakfasts that could be initiated if you would get up off you 'rusty dusty'. Do you love your children? You say you love your children -- "I am my brother's keeper". How can you say you love me whom you have never seen and hate the Black Panthers. Trust them. I really want to thank my little Black brothers and sisters for the privilege of knowing them and enjoying them. And to you big brothers and sisters, let's span the 'generation gap' by remembering: the things that happened to 'World War I babies' are still happening to 'World War II babies'. The word is help, help each other and we can get out of this mess. You have been brainwashed all these years, the only way to remedy this is to think black.

My generation has failed, the youth of today are trying-we did not try- there's nothing that beats a tryer but a failure; don't put them down and they will not fail. Look in the mirror. Look in one of my little Black brother's faces, look at the resemblance, (help).

One of the Black's man's faults is the lack of togetherness. With your knowledge and their youth the time is now. Time isn't as long as it has been so let's get together. Remember that if something isn't done there will be no future Black generation. The Black youth needs you to keep the ball rolling; if you don't know how, listen to them, " out of the mouths of babies"....my grandmother used to tell me about how the streets would be paved of gold, like it says in the Bible, and the youth are looking for those streets of gold, now, help them.

As for violence remember Billie Holiday's song "Strange Fruit" about the smell of burnt flesh? That ain't violence? It's got to be lynchings. I really didn't hear about our Black youth lynching anybody lately; the word is self



defense.

Remember Emmit Till? Today a Black youth cannot stand on the corner without the threat of being picked up for loitering, etc.

Wake up Mr. or Mrs. 'World War I Baby'.

This Black child is mine, Panther or not. What about your child, is yours so different? They are for real with the same physical characteristics as any other child. You and I have been known as 'animals from the zoo' but Black youth won't stand it any more. Think, what would have happened if we had their guts? I've known Panthers personally for a couple of years and I haven't been bitten or scratched. 'World War I Black Babies' please help Black youth, if not for their sake, for yours.

Lois Nichols

KEITH BARNES — SHOT TO DEATH BY PIGS

It Happened In St. Paul

People of St. Paul! You have heard of people being shot by pigs for no reason in Chicago, New York, or Los Angeles. Many of you said that doesn't relate to me, and it can't happen here. Well, Keith Barnes is dead. He was shot by a pig for no reason. AND IT HAPPENED IN ST. PAUL!

On the evening of February 7, at the Factory Lounge, somewhere between 11:30-11:45, Charles, Marion, and Keith Barnes entered the two doors of the factory. After Keith had passed a pig ID check without being challenged, Charles was tugged and asked to produce. An argument started with what Charles thought was an ordinary racist; the pig hadn't identified himself. Charles then followed the pig outside because the pig had suggested that he wanted to fight.

After they had gone out the door a bouncer told Marion what was happening. Marion, upon hearing this, ran out the door to tell Charles not to hit the pig. But, even as he ran out, a second pig sprayed mace on the back of his neck. Charles had already started to defend himself.

Keith, seeing that both his brothers were under attack, moved in their defense by pushing and knocking down the second pig into a snowbank. The pig got up drawing his gun. Marion who was in the line of fire, got out of the way warning Keith. The pig fired, just missing Marion, but hitting Keith as he was trying to get back into the building.

In the end, Keith was dead, Charles was arrested for assault, and Marion was set free to be arrested later at the pig sty when he went to see about his brother. The pig was allowed to walk the streets to kill more oppressed people. He was never put in jail. The killing of Keith Barnes was, to the smelly pigs, "justifiable homicide".

Until we are able to take care of our own, until we decentralize the fascist police forces, until we have an end to police brutality and murder of Black people which is Point No. 7 of the Black Panther Party's Platform and Program, until we can make ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE a reality, there is only one thing we can do to protect ourselves--that is simply ARM YOURSELVES OR HARM YOURSELVES--for oppressed people of St. Paul, it may be you next.

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School Situation In Roosevelt, Long Island

THIS RACIST SYSTEM OF AMERICA HAS SHOWN HOW OPPRESSIVE IT CAN BE IN THE SMALL BLACK COMMUNITY OF ROOSEVELT, LONG ISLAND

Since the beginning of 1970, three sisters and two brothers have been jumped on by racist teachers and one nigger assistant principal. Joan Marshall was hit twice by a white guidance counselor, once in the back and then in the chest. This is supposed to be one of the "liberal" pigs in the school. But we know what that liberal stands for "a liberal amount of racism". One week later to the day, another sister, Gail Mitchell, was offed by a white substitute teacher; a third sister was beaten by a white female gym teacher. No action was taken against any of these teachers. Besides this, two brothers have been beaten, one by a nigger assistant principal.

Another teacher, came out against the Black Panther Party. He said the Black Panther Party was "affiliated with the Catholic Church", that it was "a fraternal organization", and that it was paid off by the government and various government officials to spy on other Black groups. When he was confronted by a group of students as to the real function of the Party, he claimed that he was just trying to start a discussion between the students.

The problem in Roosevelt goes much deeper than teacher brutality and bigoted ignorance. A prime example of this is the pig on the school board who is a KKK member.

The mass corruption not only exists in the school but extends into the community. An abortion right exists in the community to take care of any girl who becomes pregnant by two administrators. These pigs blackmail sisters who have gotten into "minor trouble" into doing anything and everything they want them to do.

Another thing is that the Roosevelt School District is supposed to be on "Austerity Budget" which means that money can't be spent on new books, hot lunches (which in Roosevelt means that almost 30 of the students in the district are not getting the one hot meal a day they would have gotten because they are on welfare), or a sports program. In other words, every thing that is really essential to learning. In Roosevelt, Black children are starving and the power structure has set up a sports program, but no books, nor food. All this man wants Black people to do is play ball, be a good nigger and never learn to do something constructive.

In spite of all the problems the students are facing, we are determined to keep on fighting until that school relates to our needs and Black people control that school district, turning it into an institution of learning instead of the prison it is now.

STUDENTS OF THE ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE BLACK MAN CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE A CHANCE. HE CAN'T AFFORD TO PUT THINGS OFF. HE MUST STOP THE WHOLE SHOW NOW AND GET HIS BUSINESS STRAIGHT, BECAUSE IF HE DOES NOT DO IT NOW, IF HE FAILS TO GRASP SECURELY THE REINS OF THIS HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY, THERE MAY BE NO TOMORROW FOR HIM.

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER
Min. of Information,
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LSCCRC violently opposes the actions of Judge Hoffman in his treatment of the Conspiracy 10. The workings of this trial highlight the tone and climate of today's political world- one of heightened oppression which no longer escapes the label of fascism. This trial is only a microcosm of the entire political climate and the social and moral malaise which inflicts our society, and graphically portrays this country's manifest evils of racism and imperialism. It is important to realize that other trials in progress now are faced with the same alarming obstacles; the Panther 21 case in New York, the Panther 14 in New Haven, to name but two. Political repression has taken on new dimensions in Chicago, where Dep. Chairman Fred Hampton of the Black Panther Party, has been summarily executed in bed for his political beliefs through the efforts of a conspiracy of public officials. It must be remembered that the alleged offense upon which these public officials "acted" was illegal possession of weapons, the same offense which recently caused a White Mafia member in Chicago to receive a suspended sentence of two years. Furthermore, the trial of the survivors will soon commence in Chicago; another political trial which will leave the notions of justice relegated to the historical junk heap. Each poor man, each Black man and those who dare dissent face this multifaceted guillotine which is misnomered as "justice". To organize, clothe, or give medical aid to the poor, to defend oneself against police brutality, to demonstrate at welfare offices, and to propose low income housing become political crimes when the disenfranchised and the poor themselves attempt to undertake these tasks. LSCRRC, human beings first and only second as lawyers, refuses to condone these outrageous injustices. We refuse to become "good Germans" and only ask that others fight to retain their human dignity by fighting for the human dignity of others.

LSCRRC gives total support to the Conspiracy 10 and condemns:

1) the jailing for contempt of Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party. We not only condemn his denial of counsel and deprivation of the right to defend himself but also contend, as he did, that a Black man, especially a Black man who fights for dignity for the Black race, cannot receive a fair trial in America;
2) the jailing of the others of the Conspiracy 8 for contempt. We feel that it is not only the right but the duty of both defendants and lawyers to protest and ridicule a system which has become illegitimate. Only through confrontation, both in and out of the courtroom, may the system, which has become illegitimate, be moved and changed;
3) the contempt citations against William Kunstler and Leonard Weinglass. As human beings, these lawyers followed the dictates of their consciences and have helped to open up an avenue of respect for lawyers. Only when the lawyers raise their voices and refuse to be co-opted by the "rules of the game" may they gain respect and hope to establish any modicum of equality and justice within the legal system;
4) Judge Hoffman, is an alumnus of this school, and is inhuman. However, we must realize that Hoffman is only one small cog in the system of injustice which has created the social, political, and economic climate which allows and promotes such atrocities.

LSCRRC, therefore, asks everyone to join in the fight against oppression, racism, and imperialism, not only on behalf of lawyers or the Conspiracy 8, but, most importantly, on behalf of all the people of the world who live under oppression, whether they be Black, White, Red, Yellow or Brown.

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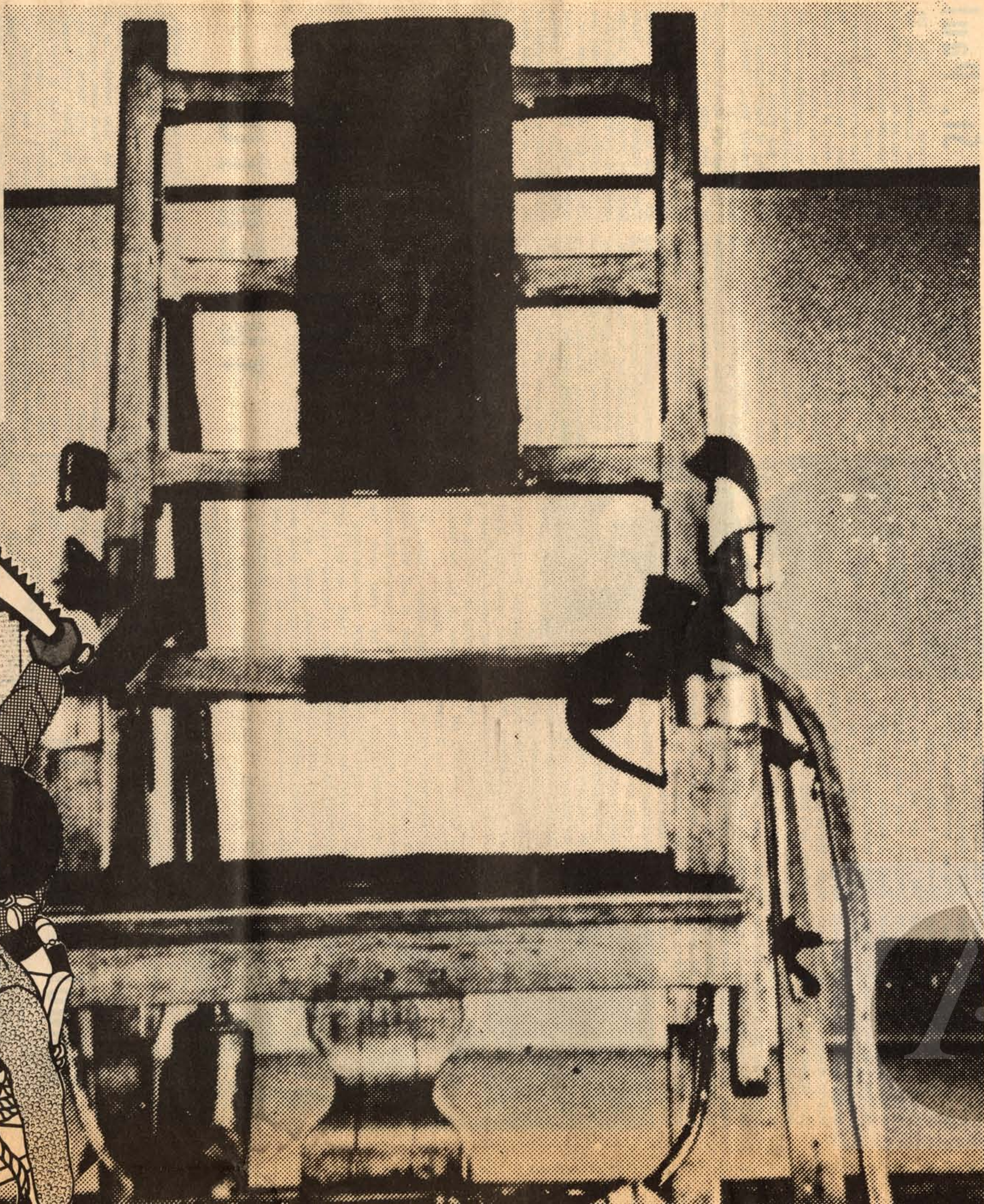
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BLACK PANTHER PARTY

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Minister of Information
Black Panther Party









"The fascists have already decided in advance to murder Chairman Bobby Seale in the electric chair."

INTERNATIONAL SECTION, B.P.P.
Alger, Algeria
SUBJECT: Press Release
DATE: March 2, 1970
CONCERNING: The pre-planned political murder of Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, in the electric chair in the state of Connecticut.

The Primary Task of the American Revolution, at this point in our history, is to defeat the Number One maneouver of the fascist power structure, which is to make an example of Bobby Seale by putting him to death in the Electric Chair in the state of Connecticut.

The fascists have already decided in advance to murder Chairman Bobby Seale in their all-out effort to destroy the leadership of the Black Panther Party and to intimidate our membership in particular and all other progressive people and organizations. This should be crystal clear even to a blind man. The vicious political persecution of Chairman Bobby Seale ranges in time over a four year period--from the very beginning of the Black Panther Party--and, geographically, it follows a twisted trail of trumped-up charges from Oakland, Sacramento, Berkeley, San Francisco, Chicago, and now to Connecticut. The plot against Bobby Seale in particular is so outrageously obvious that even these shameless pigs should not have the gall to try to pull it off.

But the fact that they are going full speed ahead with their disgraceful conspiracy should make it clear to the American people, once and for all, that a desperate hour is upon us and we have no time to loose if we are to salvage the situation. Because one thing must be made absolutely clear to America: no matter what the White people of America are prepared to accept, Black people do not accept this ultimate attempt to bind and gag Bobby Seale with death because of the fearless leadership that he has given to our people.

Black people will never accept this premeditated decision of the fascist power structure to murder Chairman Bobby Seale in the Electric Chair. So that the question is now posed, pure and simple: Is America going to have a Class War or a Race War? The fascists have already declared war upon the people. Will the people as a whole rise up to meet this challenge with a righteous People's War against these fascist pigs, or will Black people have to go it alone, thus transforming a dream of interracial solidarity into the nightmare of a Race War?

Our brothers are being murdered in their sleep by the shock troopers of the power structure; our offices are being subjected to all-out military attack; our lawyers are being sentenced to prison along with us; and the fascist Nixon Administration has unleashed the political police of the F.B.I. and thrown away all pretenses of justice and equality under the law. Lip-service to the Constitution of the United States of America has been replaced by outright fascist terror and naked repression. Hundreds of our Party members have been jacked-up on highly political charges. Scores of our Party members languish in jails and prisons, subjected to scandalously high bails that are tantamount to RANSOM. Throughout the length and breath of this depraved land, the situation is the same. It is nothing but an attempt to sabotage the 400 year struggle of our people for freedom and liberation.

Our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, teaches us that in order to have security from the unceasing aggressions of the enemy, we must always be in a position to inflict a political consequence upon the aggressor for each act of aggression. This attempt to murder Chairman Bobby Seale cold-bloodedly in the Electric Chair is an open provocation and the ultimate aggression against Black people. It is a calculated step taken by fascist pigs in the unfolding of their vicious blueprint of genocide against Black people. We, Black people, if we are forced to go it alone, must be prepared to unleash the ultimate political consequence upon this racist nation. The ultimate political consequence which Black people have in their power to unleash is RACE WAR. Indeed, we have been and at this very moment are the victims of a systematic racist repression. The Black Panther Party, as everybody knows, has taken a leading role in trying to avoid precisely this disasterous RACE WAR which the fascist oppressors have been working night and day to bring about. But we cannot and will not continue this policy to the point of racial suicide. We will not sacrifice Chairman Bobby Seale on the alter of interracial harmony if White people continue to sit back and allow this ghastly plot to go forward. So if the so-called freedom loving White people of America do not stand up now, while there are still a few moments of time left, and put an end to the persecution of Chairman Bobby Seale, then Black people will have to go it alone and step forward alone. This will mean the end of our dreams for the Class War which America needs and the beginning of the Race War which America cannot endure. This is the political consequence which America faces because of this unspeakablly evil attempt to murder Chairman Bobby Seale in the Electric Chair.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Min. of Information Eldridge Cleaver

IN DEFENSE OF SELF DEFENSE

by Huey P. Newton

July 3, 1967

Historically, the power structure has demanded that Black leaders cater to their desires and to the ends of the imperialistic racism of the oppressor. The power structure has endorsed those Black leaders who have reduced themselves to nothing more than apologizing parrots. They have divided the so-called Black leaders within the political arena. The oppresssors sponsor radio programs, give space in their racist newspapers, and have shown them the luxury enjoyed only by the oppressor. The Black leadersservethe oppressor by purposely keeping the people submissive and passive - non-violent.

Historically, there have been a few Black men who have rejected the handouts of the oppressor and who have refused to spread the oppressor's treacherous principles of deceit, gradual indoctrination and brainwashing, and who have refused to indulge in the criminal activity of teaching submission, fear, and love for an enemy who hates the very color Black and is determined to commit genocide on an international scale.

There has always existed in the Black colony of Afro-America a fundamental difference over which tactics from the broad spectrum of alternatives Black people should employ in their struggle for national liberation.

One side of this difference contends that Black people are in the peculiar position where, in order to gain acceptance into the "mainstream" of American life, they must employ no tactic that will anger the oppressor Whites. This view holds the Black people constitute a hopeless minority and that salvation for Black people lies in developing brotherly relations. There are certain tactics that are taboo. Violence against the oppressor must be avoided at all costs, because the oppressor will retaliate with superior violence. So Black people may protest, but no protect. They can complain, but not cut and shoot. In short, Black people must at all costs remain non-violent.

On the other side of the difference, we find that the point of departure is the principle that the oppressor has no rights that the oppressed is bound to respect. Kill the slave-master, destroy him utterly, move against him with implacable fortitude. Break his oppressive power by any means necessary. Men who have stood before the Black masses and recommended this response to the oppression have been held in fear by the oppressor. The Blacks in the colony who were wed to the non-violent alternative could not relate to the advocated of implacable opposition to the oppressor. Because the oppressor always prefers to deal with the less radical, i.e., less dangerous, spokesmen for his subjects. He would prefer that his subjects had no spokesmen at all, or better yet, he wishes to speak for them himself. Unable to do this practically, he does the next best thing, and endorses spokesmen who will allow him to speak through them to the masses. Paramount amongst his imperatives is to see to it that implacable spokesmen are never allowed to communicate their message to the masses. They are never allowed to communicate their message to the masses. Their oppressor will resort to any means necessary to silence the implacables.

The oppressor, the endorsed spokesmen, and the implacables form the three points of a triangle of death. The oppressor looks upon the endorsed spokesmen as a tool to use against the implacables to keep the masses passive withing the acceptable limits of the tactics he is capable of containing. The endorsed spokesmen look upon the oppressor as a guardian angel who can always be depended upon to protect them from the wrath of the implacables, while he looks upon the implacables as dangerous and irresponsible madmen who, by angering the oppressor, will certainly provoke a blood bath in which they themselves might get washed away.,The implacables view both theoppressors and the endorsed leaders as his deadly enemies. If anything, he has a more profound hatred for the endorsed leaders than he has for the oppressor himslef, because the implacables know that they can deal with the oppressor only after they have driven the endorsed spokesmen off the scene.

Historically, the endorsed spokesmen have always held the upper hand on the implacables. In Afro-American history, there are shining breif moments when the implacables have outmaneuvered the oppressor and the endorsed spokesmen and gained the attention of the Black masses. The Black masses, recognizing the implacables in the depths of their dispair, respond magnetically to the implacables and bestow a devotion and loyalty to them that frightens the oppressor and endorsed spokesmen into a panic-stricken frenzy, and they leap into a rash act -- murder, imprisonment, or exile- to silence the implacables and to get their show back on the road.



HUEY P. NEWTON
MINISTER OF DEFENSE B.P.P.

The masses of Black people have always been deeply entrenched and involved in the basic necessities of life. They have not had time to abstract their situation. Abstractions come only with leisure. The people have not had the luxury of leisure. Therefore, the people have been very aware of the true definition of politics: politics are merely the desire of individuals and groups to satisfy first, their basic needs -- food, shelter and clothing, and security for themselves and their loved ones. The Black leaders endorsed by the power structure have attempted to sell the people the simple-minded theory that politics is holding a political office; being able to move into a $40,000 home; being able to sit near White people in a restaurant (while in fact the Black masses have not been able to pay the rent of a $40.00 rat-infested hovel).

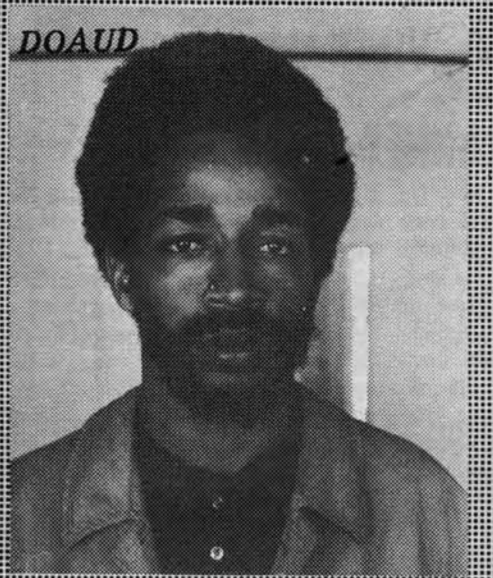
The Black leaders have led the community to believe that brutality and force could be ended by subjecting the people to this very force of self-sacrificing demonstrations. The Black people realize brutality and force can only be inflicted if there is submission. The community has not responded in the past or in the presen. to the absurd and erroneous, decitful tactics of so-called legitimate Black leaders. The community realizes that force and brutality can only be eliminated by counter force through self defense. Leaders who have recommended these tactics have never had the support and following of the downtrodded Black masses who comprise the bulk of the community. Grassroots -- the downtrodden of the Black community, even though they rejected the hand-picked handkerchief heads endorsed by the power structure, the people have not had the academic or administrative knowledge to form themselves in long resistance to the brutality.

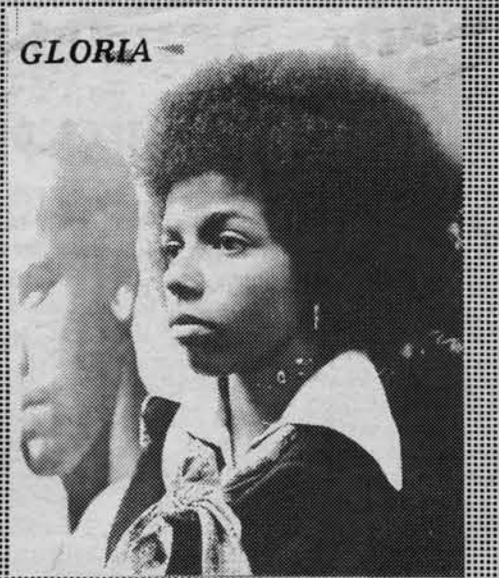
Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X were the two Black men of the twentieth century who posed an implacable challenge to both the oppressor and the endorsed spokesmen that could be dealt with in any other way than precisely the foul manner recorded by history. Malcolm, in our time, stood on the threshhold with the oppressor and the endorsed spokesmen in a bag that they couldn't get out of. Malcolm, implacable to the ultimate degree, held out to the Black masses the historical, stupendous victory of Black collective salvation and liberation from the chains of the oppressor and the treacherous embrace of the endorsed spokesmen. Only with the gun were the Black masses denied this victory. But they learned from Malcolm that with the gun, they can recapture their dreams and bring them into reality.

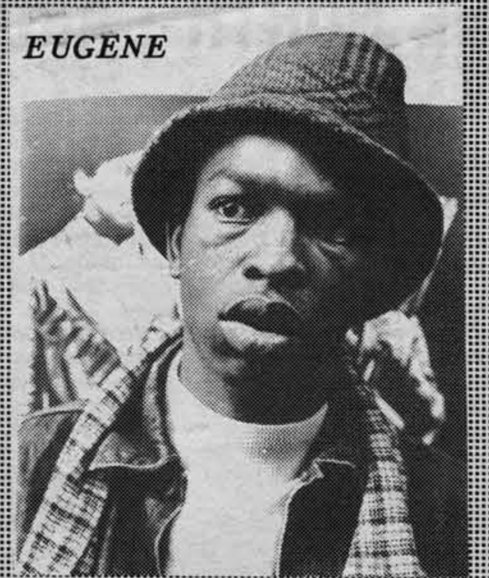
The heirs of Malcolm now stand millions strong on their corner of the triangle, facing the racist dog oppressor and the soulless endorsed spokesmen. The hires of Malcolm have picked up the gun and, taking first things first, are moving to expose the endorsed spokesmen for the Black masses to see them for what they are and always have been. The choice offered by the hires of Malcolm to the edorsed spokesmen is to repudiate the oppressor and to crawl back to their people and earn a speedy reprieve or face a merciless, speedy and most timely execution for treason and being too wrong for too long.

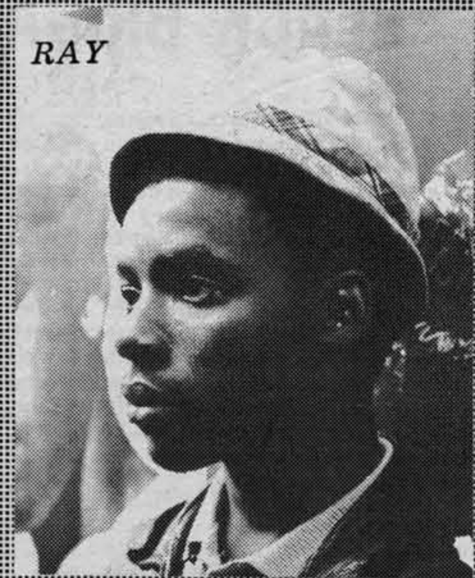
THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF DEFENSE BELIEVES THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR BLACK PEOPLE TO ARM THEMSELVES AGAINST THIS TERROR BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. A PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED SO MUCH FOR SO LONG AT THE HANDS OF A RACIST SOCIETY, MUST DRAW THE LINE SOMEWHERE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE BLACK COMMUNITIES OF AMERICA MUST RISE UP AS ONE MAN TO HALT THE PROGRESSION OF A TREND THAT LEADS INEVITABLY TO THEIR TOTAL DESTRUCTION.

HUEY P. NEWTON
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY









PIG HARASSMENT OF RICHMOND PANTHERS

When a person wants you to believe his or her lies, the best thing for them to do is to keep tricking you. Right On?

Well, that's exactly what the pigs of the power structure are doing. The pigs viciously attacked with intent to destroy the Black Panther Chapters in Los Angeles and Chicago and many other places where the people have a functional organ of the Black Panther Party serving as their (the peoples') eyes by "pointing out" the contradictions of this decadent racist society.

So when the people started embracing as their own (and they have) the many socialistic programs-such as the free breakfast, free clothing, and free health clinics the pigs have no choice other than to disgise themselves as 'victims of an unprovoked attack.' The pigs have quit overtly trying to kick down our doors but they have started ripping off the brothers and sisters in the streets and in the fascist court rooms. They kidnapped the Chairman, Bobby Seale, off the streets and dealt with him in the 'halls of injustice.' You can also see what happens when you, the people, become indignant to this insane madness - you get ripped off.

The pigs constantly oink about the My Lai Massacre, and we know it is wrong, but we also know that the overall aggression by the U.S. cut-throat bandits in Viet Nam is wrong. We can objectively equate the My Lai Massacure in particular with the attempted genocide of the Black Panther Party in particular and the overall attempt of genocide of the Vietnamese People with the overall attempt of genocide of Black people here in Babylon. So the news media, as apologists for the ruling class, comes forth to try to divert the American Peoples' attention elsewhere while war is being waged here.

With in the past few weeks the pigs of Richmond have stepped up their harassment tactics again. For a short period after the courageous battle in L.A. where 11 Panthers defended the peoples office against at least 350 gestapo storm troopers, the Richmond Pigs seemed to be leary of messing with Panthers. However the "lull" didn't last for long. And so on January 7, 1970, the pigs started their harassment program of the Panthers in Richmond.

Ray Edmerson was downtown selling papers when two pigs came by. One pig said out of the clear blue sky "what did you say?" Ray did not reply to this and kept on conducting propaganda. The pigs then proceeded to go down the block looked around, and then came back down the block where he was selling papers. One pig asked, "What's your name?" and Ray told him his name. He then said "let's go". Ray asked him was he under arrest and the pig said "yes"; then Ray asked 'what for' and was told for failing to produce proper identification, smoking in the streets and littering. He began looking for his comrades, Gloria and Eugene, but they were nowhere in sight. As they were going around the corner onto 6th St., another brother, Joe, who was coming from the cleaners saw Ray being taken off by these pigs; he asked the pigs what the charges were and the pigs said 'littering'. When they got to the pig station and were going through the first jail door, one of the pigs grabbed Ray by the arm and threw him to the floor, while the other pig said, "What's the matter, boy, can't you walk?" They also asked him was his nick name Daoud or Joe Cuba. He kept on saying his name was Ray Edmerson and that he lived at 520 Bissell St. They then said "You punks think you're smart and if you keep on repeating yourself, we're going to put you in a cell and throw the key away." After they told him this, they took him into another room where they took his fingerprints for the Richmond F.B.I. When they finally let him go they said, You can go back and tell all your other friends now".

So Ray Edmerson, a member of the Black Panther Party was downtown selling the Peoples' News Service when " out of the gutters" two slimy pigs slinked onto the set and busted Ray for illegal possesion of tobacco, a cigarette. Within a week the same slimy ilk arrested the brother for smoking a pipe downtown.

On Feb. 9, 1970, Joe Veale and Eugene Balthazar had been selling the Peoples' paper (Black Community News Service). Daoud Bey went to pick them up and pick up breakfast food for the Free Breakfast for Children Program. The circumstances of their arrest were given as follows: (told by Daoud)

I was with Eugene Balthazar and Joe Veale, who had been selling the peoples' News Service at Mayfair Market. I, Daoud, went to pick them up and pick up breakfast for the Free Breakfast for School Children Program. We left Mayfair Market and headed straight down Cutting Blvd. to 6th St. Just as we approached 6th St. and Cutting, we noticed a police car, with 2 police officers in it, turning onto Cutting from 6th St. They (the 2 officers) looked at us and we returned looks. We then proceeded to make the right hand turn off Cutting onto 7th St. heading for the office which is on 6th and Bissell Ave. I commented "watch 'em mess with us." Sure enough the police car turned left off Cutting onto 7th St. heading in the same direction as we were. They were cruising parallel with us until we reached Florida on 6th St. As we reached halfway between 6th and Florida Ave. and 6th and Ohio, the police turned on their 'cherry top flasher' and I stopped the car at the stop sign of 6th and Ohio. As the car stopped, the motor died and we just sat there. The police officer said "Get out of the car." So I got out and stood at the side of the car looking at the two policemen. They (the policemen) approached me, they asked for my driver's license and registration. I immediately produced the license, but because I had just purchased the 1970 sticker and bought the car on the 3rd. of Feb., I hadn't received the registration yet. While the police officer had possession of my driver's license, he ordered me to get into the car, start it up, and drive it around the corner to park it. I refused telling him that I wouldn't drive the car without a license because he would arrest me for driving without a driver's license. He got angry behind this and told me to push it then. Eugene, Joe and I pushed the car around the corner and I parked it next to the curb. We then walked back to the corner of 6th and Ohio where the street lights were shining. One officer was talking to me and the next thing I knew, they had Joe Veale up against their car searching him and had placed him under arrest. I asked the pigs why were they arresting Joe and one replied, "Don't you worry about it, you're not under arrest yet." So I asked Joe why he was under arrest and he said, "I don't know, they didn't tell me yet." While I was talking to Joe, I looked around and the pigs had placed Eugene under arrest. I asked them why Eugene was under arrest and they said, "It's none of your business, you're not under arrest yet." I then asked the pigs why did they stop us and one pig said, "We were going to give you a citation for going 40 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. zone, but you're so smart, we'll make it 60." The pig then began to question me about my job, phone no., what I do, etc. I gave them my name, address, and place of birth and was then placed under arrest. At the time the pig was writing out the citation for speeding. He then told me to sign the ticket and I refused to do so. The pig told me to get against the wall, I complied and was then searched, handcuffed (tightly).and put in the pig mobile with Eugene. I told the pigs that we had some food in the back seat that was for the purpose of serving hungry children and asked if I could roll the windows up and lock the doors until I could notify someone to pick the food up. He said that he would do that. They had already searched the car and when I told him that he had no right to do that, he just looked at me, and laughed and said "I just love potatoes" there were potatoes in the car.

There were 2 pig cars and 4 pigs. They drove us down to the Richmond Police Dept. We were told to get out of the car when we arrived at the station, marched into a waiting room to be viewed by all the rest of the pigs that were there at the station at the time. We were then taken upstairs in an elevator, and placed in a "holding" cell for a while. Eugene was taken first, then me, then Joe. We gave name, address and place of birth. The jailer got uptight, the pigs got uptight and said "to the devil with it, come with me." They placed Joe and Eugene in a cell together and took me down on the far end by the windows. I asked to make a phone call, and was denied. However, a brother in the cell with me was allowed phone priveleges, so I asked him to notify the party for us. He did it. We were held until about 1:30 p.m.

The charges were dropped on Joe Veale and Eugene Balthazar, but the pigs prefer to prosecute the traffic charges.

Then, on February 13, 1970, Eugene and Gloria were putting posters up about 6:30p.m. between 6th and 5th on Bissell on an apartment building with no complaints from the people. While standing on the corner of 5th and Bissell, one pig car with only a driver went by; he looked but didn't stop. Eugene and Gloria moved between 5th and 4th on Bissell, where Gloria started to put a poster up on a vacated store window, but a man who said he owned it told them 'no' (defacing private property). Less than ten minutes later they were being busted.

One pig, probably the same one who went by the first time, stopped and told Eugene to come over to the car. He asked him his name and address and age. Eugene told Gloria to go back to the office and tell what was happening but she decided to stay since she didn't know what could happen to Eugene. The pig had by then stopped his car and walked over to where they were. He asked how many were out and Eugene said "Just me and her." Eugene asked the pig if he wanted them to take the posters down and the pig said 'yeah'. All this time Gloria hadn't said anything but name and address, so the pig said, "So you won't talk, you're under arrest"; she walked over to the car which was in the middle of the street and got in. By now the corner was blocked off by 3 pig cars with about 4 to 5 pigs altogether on the scene. They put Eugene in another car handcuffing him because he was yelling at them. The whole arrest took approximately three to five minutes. Gloria got to the pig station first where a matron was waiting outside and was told to sit on a waiting room bench. When Eugene came in a few minutes later, they told the two of them to give them some information so they won't have to book or jail them as it was just a misdemeanor violation. They didn't comply so they were taken upstairs and half the booking process was completed, then they put them in a separate cell. About 10:00 p.m. they brought Gloria out to complete booking and let her make a phone call. She was told that someone had called 3 or 4 times and that a lawyer was trying to get them out on their own recognizance instead of $315.00 bail. They finally let them out about midnight.

The pigs tried to be overly nice even paternalistic, like they were trying to make everything easy. They informed them of the right to remain silent.

Since all that madness happened, the pigs came to the corner of 6th and Bissell Ave. pulled out their pocket knives (concealed weapons) and began to tear down the posters relating to a Birthday Benefit for our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton.

The pigs fail to realize that they can't stop the people from recognizing Huey P. Newton and all the principles he stands for by tearing down some posters.

In a message from the Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party, Eldridge Cleaver, "Rage" said, "The fearless example of Huey's leadership, as he stood with his gun in his hand like a shield between our people and the pigs is the fulfillment of the dreams of our people and an answer to their screams for their warriors to step forward and put an end to the torture and the pain that we have suffered for so long."

By the pigs tearing down the posters, causing such an over dramatized scene (as if the posters had a gun?), showing their true nature of a low natured beast, very positive results were seen in the faces of the people that were present. Brothers and sisters were shouting "Pig, you have no right to do that" and "get out of our community" and "Pig, your day is coming soon." Right on to that!

The pigs of Richmond finally got up enough nerve to slink up to the back door of the church on 6th and Bissell on Feb. 17, 1970 Ray Edmerson and Joe Cuba were outside hanging up posters when they noticed the pigs coming down the street. The pigs swooped up on the brothers just as Ray headed toward the office. Three pigs followed Ray and as Joe attempted to come to the office to warn Panthers inside of all the pig activity, he was placed under arrest for resisting arrest. About that time Ray had reached the office and informed the comrades that the pigs had Joe outside and were arresting him. Just as Doaud went out to investigate, two young racist punk pigs were approaching the steps. Seeing that the pigs were extremely nervous, he immediately asked them what did they want. One of the two pigs oinked about wanting some one that was wearing a red shirt and had just ran inside. Doaud told the pig that unless he had a search warrant and produced it he was trespassing on the people's property because he knew no one had invited them. The pig stepped

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BLACK BRIGADE NORTH CAROLINA

In Fauatteville, North Carolina a Black organization has been formed which consists of Black GI's who have radical ideas about the structure of the military. It is a political organization that is speaking out against the repression that the minority groups are subjected to by the government. Our main purpose is to associate the Black man in the military with the political structure and show how it is used against him in every way. The Black Brigade is trying to make the Black man realize how he has adopted himself to the injustices of a capitalist government and see the position he has taken in regards to this oppressive situation. We believe that every Black man is aware of the demoralizing treatment that he has and is being subjected to; we also understand that because of fear of the repercussions from the military if he speaks out for the right to be accepted and understood, the Black man stands by in silentfrustration. Was there not fear in every Black man's heart when he had to stand and fight for his country? Is there not fear in the Black man's heart when he is sent to Vietnam to die for a country which does not accept him? Yet we die so that this country can stay rich and use its riches for the minority... When I speak of the minority now, I am speaking of the few who are running this country for their own personal gains, not the so-called minority groups" who are poor, not the "minority" who are hungry and without sufficient clothing and decent housing that is needed for survival in such a great and prosperous land.

Black people HAVE to develop their consciousness. Is it right to be a slave when we have so many Black men and women dead who have spoken out violently and/or non-violently against a slave institution. Well, my Black people that is what we are, slaves for a repressive government. It is common knowledge that poor Blacks are forced to fight in so-called "American wars for Liberty" and are dying in them everyday. Why should a Black man go thousands of miles to fight an oppressed people, when all we have to do is take a look around us and see oppressed people within a racist society in our own land. If we are fighting oppression then the battle is right here, not in some land that we have no claim upon.

How long do we have to endure being used as machines and not being looked upon for what we are; are we not human beings? Don't we have the same organs as the man who tells us to die for a country that believes in the preservation of property more than preservation of human life.

Because of a few men and their greed, there has to be a revolution...Only those capitalist pigs who are considered "leaders of the government" are at fault. If I and my Black brothers have to die for the cause of true freedom then speaking for myself I shall die, but I REFUSE TO DIE IN VAIN.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

ASU MEMBER SHAG HAIED TO VIETNAM

PROTEST PLANNED AT FT. LEWIS

New York, N.Y., Feb 26 - On Feb. 19 at 4:00 a.m., in the dark of night, American Servicemen's Union organizer Pvt. Bruce MacLean was forced onto a plane by the Army and sent to Vietnam against his will. Pvt. MacLean arrived at Cam Ranh Bay the following morning. Following the shang-hai the ASU promtly initiated legal action to have him brought back.

This Saturday, Feb. 28, a demonstration will be held with a march on Ft. Lewis, Washington to protest the Vietnam war and the repression against active members of the Ft. Lewis American Servicemen's Union.

Pvt. MacLean was one of the organizers of the Oct. 20 meeting of the ASU at theCascadian Service Club at Ft. Lewis at which he and 34 other ASU members were arrested; he was also one of the key witnesses at the Jan. 21 People's Trial of the Army, held before 1500 people at the University of Washington.

At this trial, MacLean, then AWOL, declared his support for the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam, He was defended while testifying by a guard of 25 ASU members.

This Saturday's demonstration was initiated by the Seattle Liberation Front and is being supported by the Shelter-Half Coffee House, the Ft. Lewis ASU, and other local groups.

Bob Lemay, ASU Executive Director, said, "We give full support to this demonstration against the increasing repression of ASU organizers. The People's Trial sentenced the Army to death. We intend to carry this sentence out, even in the face of such union busting actions as the brass'shanghaing of Brother MacLean.

The Declaration Of Devaux, Herve And Trouilleux At Their Trial On February 6, At Rennes In France

On February 6, 1970, at Rennes, a military court found the soldiers Devaux, Herve and Trouilleux, guilty of disobedience and undermining the morale of the troops. Devaux got a year in prison, Trouilleux six months and Herve four months.

Their crime was in speaking out against the military and against the daily repression inside the barracks.

They were found in possession of anti-army leaflets and two newspapers, Etincelles, and Crosses en l'Air (Sparks; There is no exact translation of the second title, the cross is the butt or grip of a gun, usually held in the air as a sign of victory. In 1907 the 17th line regiment in France refused to suppress a grape-workers strike and marched by "crosses en l'air"). There was also a petition of protest about a young soldier in an infantry regiment who was hit by an officer and made a formal complaint. A punishment was, of course, administered, to the soldier, who is now in solitary confinement.

In refusing conformity, harassment and army repression, Devaux, Herve, and Trouilleux are expressing the opinion of tens of thousands of French soldiers.

(Devaux speaks:) I want to begin by saying that I assume the entire responsibility for the contents of these leaflets and for their distribution.

We have written them to express our refusal to put up with 16 months of joblessness, 16 months of brain-washing, 16 months of harassment.

We are being judged by a so-called neutral army, supposedly at the service of the entire nation.

We do not call "neutral" an army where officers openly display Gaullist opinions, racism, their nostalgia for the Algiers "putsch", or their sympathy for the fascist movement "Occident".

We do not call an army "neutral" which would like to turn draftees into cops, or strike breakers, and whose every manouver is directed toward suppressing socialism and the "Red Menace".

We do not call an army "neutral" which could, in perfect legality, bring about a military takeover on a single order from the government, enabling it to consider all strikers as military deserters. We do not consider an army neutral which shuts its young men inside barracks for 16 months in order to alienate them and forcibly impose on them standards of sycophancy, informing, and respect for authority, by means of a discipline used to break the creativity and spontaneity characteristic of the youth of May '68. There can be no pretense of this discipline being necessary from a military point of view; between punishments, fatigue duty, guard duty and inspections, there is no time, within the 16 months of service, for any real military formation. Using the words of "flag and country" as a screen, the army harasses its youth to keep them in line--the line the cops and bosses want them to stay in--so that they can be used to defend the bourgeois class presently in power

We are in prison for having decided that it is not enough to complain about an unjust state of affairs, but that you have to act to change it.

We have observed that the whole system is set up against us, its values, its hierarchy, its police and its prisons.

We have also observed that in facing this machine alone, the draftee can only be broken, all the more since everything in the system of punishments, privileges and leaves is mobilized to develop the "every man for himself" mentality. The reason we are fighting, to the extent of our modest ability, is to give the soldiers the means of collective expression. And the reason we distributed these leaflets, which only express what the majority of soldiers think to themselves, is so that these soldiers do not become robots who leave their capacity to criticize outside, along with their personalities.

We also wanted to help them to organize to act collectively. This is the only guarantee youth has against military brainwashing, against being used by the people in power as a repressive force to help the colonels to defend democracy--like they defended it in Algeria and Greece.

We have been told that a soldier is a citizen with certain duties towards his nation. But we maintain that there are no duties without rights. What would a worker say if he found himself tried for going on strike by a jury of bosses and foremen? This is exactly what is happening today, however, when we are being judged by representatives of the military hierarchy.

The only thing that matters to us now is that we are sure of being understood by the youth, sure of being understood by the draftees who have not been able to express their revolt and, finally, of being understood by the workers who do not want their sons to betray the struggle and the flag that belong to us all.

RIGHT ON TO THE FRENCH RESISTERS!

TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

We may inform you that the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic on the occasion of the International Day against Racism (February 14) issued a statement which found wide response in our country. We take the liberty of informing you of our attitude taken in this statement:

On the occasion of International Day against Racism the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic conveys fraternal and solidarity greetings to all peoples fighting for full equal rights.

The people of our peaceable, socialist German state follow with great respect and sympathy the struggle of the American Negro citizens and other racial minorities against exploitation and suppression, against discrimination and racism. With satisfaction we witness the fact that the American Negro citizens in alliance with all opponents to racial discrimination wage an ever more determined fight to achieve the eradication of these evils and that an increasing number of democratic-minded U.S. citizens render them full support. Your courage, your vigour and willingness to make sacrifices will contribute towards the end that racism will be extirpated all over the world and mankind will live in happiness and security.

We may assure you that the people of the German Democratic Republic firmly stand on the side of all those suppressed and persecuted for racial reasons and consider it our task to fight racism wherever practised. We, therefore, expressly condemn the suppressive measures exerted on the Black Panther Party and the numerous murders of members of this movement. From our people's history we know that racism as a root of war and exploitation is one of the most terrible crimes. And we are today especially proud that in our socialist Republic racism in all its forms has been eradicated. The people of the GDR have nevertheless to fight discriminatory measures also instigated by the United States government and West German imperialist circles who refuse to recognize the GDR on the basis of international law and try to revent our people from cooperating as an equal member of the faily of nations.

We may express our gratefulness to all those U.S. citizens who have given us their support.

We may assure all democratic-minded U.S. people of our firm solidarity and friendship and urge to put an immediate stop to all forms of discrimination and to respect all those discriminated as equal citizens of the United States of America."

Sending you our best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Werner Rumpel
Secretary General

VIETNAM AND ITS RELATION TO THE BLACK COLONY

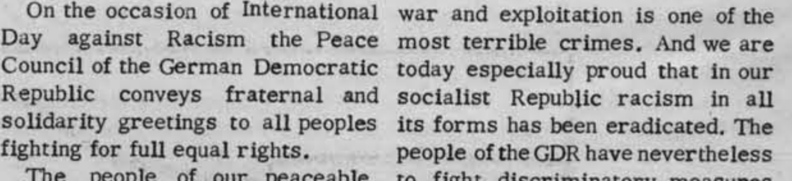
The reported massacres of Vietnamese people have a direct bearing on the people in the Black colony here in Babylon. It has taken over a year for the atrocities committed in Vietnam to reach the general public. In that same period of time the massacres of Black people have been stepped up. Using a large percentage of Black combat troops has served two purposes: 1) killing off young Vietnamese and 2) killing young Blacks from the colony in Babylon in other words killing two birds with one stone.

To separate the two is to deny that an apple comes from an apple tree. Babylon is the tree while Vietnam is the fruit. The tree is rotten, therefore the fruit is rotten. No incident is an isolated happening, all things are related.

In 1954 the Supreme Court outlawed segregation, and Vietnam won its "independence". In both cases freedom was promised but denied. The right of self-determination by the Vietnamese people was stifled by U.S. aggression; the right of self-determination in the Black colony was also stifled by U.S aggression. The build-up of troops in Vietnam went right along with the build-up of troops (pigs) in Babylon. The Black colony is an occupied territory with hostile troops (pigs) as in Vietnam. Pigs have been killing Black people for years under the guise of being a 'protective force' they are killing the Vietnamese under the same pretense.

Like the Vietnamese we are meeting aggression with resistance, but if we are to survive as a people free to determine our harder to drive the oppressor from our community. We must stop once and for all the systematic genocide against Black people. As the Vietnamese have shown, only those willing to fight and die deserve to be free, and "freedom comes out of the barrel of a gun."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
From a prisoner
Denver County Jail
Denver, Colorado



"Only by the gun have the Black People been denied their freedom!"

Huey



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FINAL VICTORY BELONGS TO THE FIGHTING ZIMBABWE PEOPLE

March 17 is the day for international solidarity with the Zimbabwe people.

Greeting the day, the Korean people extend their warm militant solidarity to the Zimbabwe people who are fighting against colonialism and racism, and for national liberation and genuine independence.

The Smith clique backed by the U.S.-British imperialist are ruthlessly suppressing the Zimbabwe patriots and people who have risen in the struggle for freedom and independence.

The existence of the racist Smith puppet regime as well as its barbarous massacre of the Zimbabwe patriots are the products of the vicious crimes schemes of the U.S.-British imperialists for keeping the Zimbabwe people in the shackles of eternal slavery and turning Southern Rhodesia into a base of aggression against the nationally independent countries in Africa.

In order to build a colonial bulwark, that is, a "detached force", in the southern part of the African continent against the African peoples, the U.S.-British imperialists rigged up the racist Smith puppet regime, and have ever since actively encouraged its tyrannical rule.

The crafty U.S.-British imperialists ostensibly pretend to have no relationship with the racist Smith clique, though they, in fact, are stepping up in every way their military and economic assistance to them. This is clearly seen in the fact that the U.S. imperialists' oil and other goods and various lethal weapons are being shipped to Southern Rhodesia unrestrictedly through the hands of the South African racists.

In particular, the U.S. imperialists are letting even the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique of South Korea and the Japanese militarists have a hand in their criminal acts. Upon the directives of their master, U.S. imperialism, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique not only sent tens of thousands of South Korean youth as cannon fodder to the aggressive war in South Viet Nam, but also dispatched "guerilla specialist" to the Smith clique of Southern Rhodesia.

All these facts vividly show that the U.S.-British imperialists who have been instigating the racist Smith clique are, indeed, the chief culprits and the most vicious enemy of the entire African peoples.

Today the Zimbabwe people are fighting stubbornly, taking arms in their hands, to overthrow the Smith clique and win national liberation and independence.

Launching a large-scale armed struggle, the Zimbabwe African People's Union issued a statement in which it pointed out that the time has come when the racists should settle accounts with all the crimes they had committed in the land of Africa, and appealed the entire Zimbabwe people to rise in the nationwide armed struggle against the Smith clique.

The Zimbabwe guerillas have already expanded their armed struggle to wide areas of the country. At present they are administering heavy blows to the enemy in every part while strengthening their forces furthermore and enlisting actively the broad segments of the people into the national liberation struggle.

Mention must be made of the fact that the Zimbabwe and South African guerillas are carrying on concerted operation.

Their joint struggle has a far-reaching plan for liberating, with combined forces, above all Southern Rhodesia, which is favourable to them strategically but a weak link to the colonialists militarily, and then freeing South Africa using Southern Rhodesia as a base. In this struggle are joining the underground fighters who are acting in various towns and rural areas of Zimbabwe.

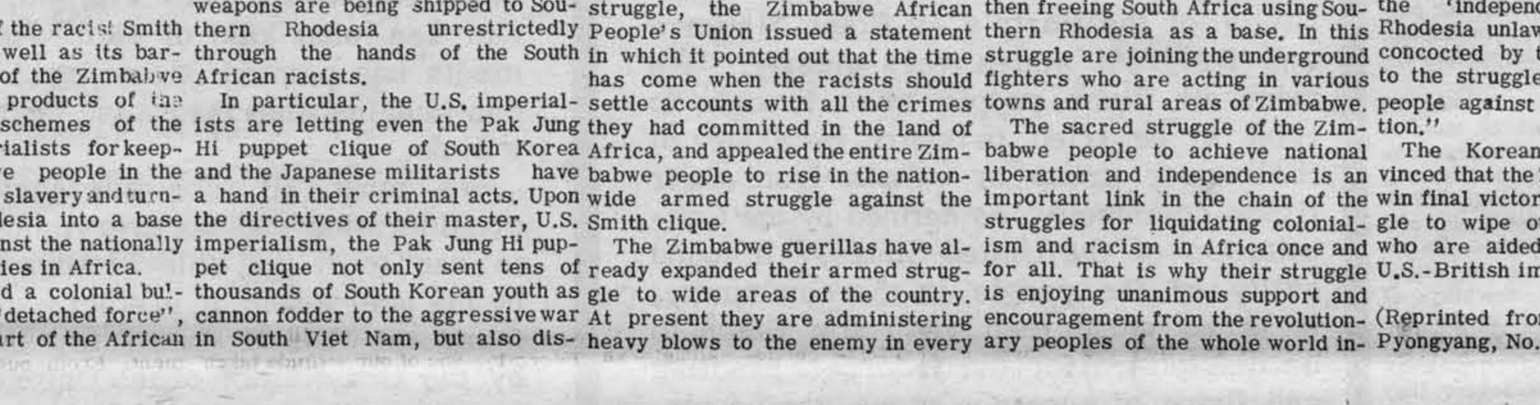
The sacred struggle of the Zimbabwe people to achieve national liberation and independence is an important link in the chain of the struggles for liquidating colonialism and racism in Africa once and for all. That is why their struggle is enjoying unanimous support and encouragement from the revolutionary peoples of the whole world including the African peoples.

African countries and numerous countries of the world have taken decisive measures for joint sanction by breaking off their diplomatic and trade relations with the Smith clique; they are resolutely frustrating the schemes of the U.S.-British imperialists to maintain the rule of the White racists in a deceptive manner.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said: "Our people...extend support to the struggle of the Zimbabwe people against the 'independence' of Southern Rhodesia unlawfully and arbitrarily concocted by the Smith clique and to the struggle of the South African people against racial discrimination."

The Korean people are convinced that the Zimbabwe people will win final victory in their just struggle to wipe out the Smith racists who are aided and abetted by the U.S.-British imperialists.

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FREE BOLIVIAN PRISONERS

Many members of the most militant anti-imperialist organizations are still in prison or forced into hiding. The principal victims of the repression have been the Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional (ELN--Army of National Liberation), initiated by Che Guevara; and the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (POR -- Revolutionary Workers Party), the Bolivian section of the Fourth International.

The General Secretary of the POR, Hugo Gonzalez Moscoso is being hunted by the police and his family has been subjected to harassment.

The Bolivian Trotskyists are trying to expose the demagogic nature of the Ovando regime and at the same time compel it to grant more concessions to the people. The following is our translation of a printed leaflet now being distributed by the POR.

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An Unconditional General Amnesty and Freedom for the Revolutionists Accused of Being Guerrillas.

Despite the repeal of the State Security Law imposed by the imperialist counter-revolution, the freedom of more than thirty Bolivian patriots accused of being guerrillas is being denied and impeded.

Paradoxically, now when imperialsim is threatening us with the Hickenlooper Amendment,* the real anti-imperialist fighters are imprisoned and being hunted while the counter-revolutionary lackeys are free to engage in their intrigues.

The POR demands the immediate release of all the prisoners tried as guerrillas. Carry out the amnesty implied in the repeal of the State Security Law!

Freedom for the Trotskyists Jose Moreno V., Felipe Vasquez, Victor A. Cordova, and Thomas Chambi!

Freedom for the ELN leader Enrique Ortega!

Freedom for Jurgens Schut, Gonzalo Oroza, Dr. Walter Pareja, and all the imprisoned patriots!

Freedom for Loyola Guzman, Tertu Tulikki, and Geraldine de Coronado.

Stop the manhunt. Civil rights for the General Secretary of the POR Hugo Gonzalez Moscoso.

Bolivia, November 1969.
Partido Obrero Revolucionario
Freedom for Debray and Bustos!

*The Hickenlooper Amendment requires the U.S. government to cut off aid to any country nationalizing the property of american citizens if "just compensation" has not been made within six months--IP

Greetings From The Palestine Solidarity Campaign To The Black Panther Party

The intensification of american imperialist activity in the Middle East, in support of the Zionist- racist state of Israel and the increasing repression of the revolutionary vanguard of the Black Panther Party in the United States are both part of the same process: the development of revolutionary forces throughout the world are forcing american imperialism up against the wall, and in its dying throes it lashes out with increased violence.

Those of us in Britian who are working on the issue of solidarity with the Palestinian revolution are well aware of the identity of struggle between the Black Panther Party and the Palestinian Revolution. It is not merely a coincidence that Panther representatives attended the recent congress of Palestine Support Committees in Algiers, nor that representatives from the Palestine Support Campaign are here today to bring greetings to the Panther visitors. It is not irrelevant to the Palestinian struggle that Comrade Eldridge Cleaver has said "We have the same attitude towards the Zionists in the States as brother Yassir Arafat has to the one eyed bandit in Tel Aviv". The forces which the Panthers are fighting in the States are strongly reinforced by the same people and groups who are giving financial and other forms of material support to the Zionist regime oppressing the Palestinian people. The pig judges who sentenced Bobby and Huey were also Zionists.

We in the PSC recognize an identity of interest between all revolutionary and liberation movements throughout the world in their fight against imperialism and its allies. We believe, however, that there is a specially close link between the Black Panther Party and the Palestinian Revolution in their fights against american imperialism and its offshoot, Zionism. We offer our fraternal greetings to the Black Panther Party in their fight. VENCEREMOS!

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Muslims Assault People at Malcolm X Festival

the people the importance of knowing who our enemies are, and who our allies are. As related in this article, one can conclude, that the Black Muslims of Philadelphia acted in a reactionary, racist dehumanizing way. One sister remarked in the interview: "I always thought that Muslim and Islam meant Peace and the brothers just came with their stuff together. They did not care what women and children they harmed, they didn't care at all, not at all. They're not BROTHERS AT ALL, I'M SORRY" The sister was correct, as stated in the rules of the Black Panther Party, "No Party member will commit any crimes against the other Party members or BLACK PEOPLE at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread."

Perhaps the Black Muslims need to deal with the teachings of Huey P. Newton.

It is important for people to see, that any group that preaches racism, their actions will be corrupt in content. As Huey P. Newton said, "People have to be educated that there are forces which control us. The external forces have become translated into internal forces through the indoctrination of the ruing class. Thus, we have internalized certain behavior patterns which we feel are instinctual or a basic part of man, but they are not."

The Muslims who attacked the people are victims of internal forces of hate against Malcolm as perpetuated by the indoctrination of the leader, Elijah Muhammed. Elijah Muhammed is the leader of a cult which has accepted certain behavior patterns, when challenged especially by the teachings of former follower, eats at that internal contradiction of their teachings. The Muslim followers cannot strike out at their leader, they therfore perpetuate aggressive tactics against the people and all true Revolutionary Organizations.

People, beware of groups such as the Muslims, they are one of the many tools of oppression found in our community.

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Shooting Incident In Hunter's Point

ing off streets, climbing fences and trespassing on the people's property on their (pig's) own free will.

It was a scene at the Mabrey's home yesterday. Pigs everywhere just like they had Cole Younger, "Legs" Diamond, Al Capone, Alioto or dangerous Dan Murtagh cornered. Can you dig it? Some real cold-blooded criminal. The pigs used their star lackey Palmer (buddy-buddy) Jackson to set things up. He went to the front door and knocked for Butch just like the role and part he plays in the community and that's nothing and knowing all the time that the Tac Squad was laying in the cut waiting to draw blood. Mr. Mabrey, Butch's father, was sweared at terribly because of the fact that he told the pigs to get off his property and that they weren't coming in. Right there the 4th Amendment of the Constitution was violated. Black people's constitutional rights are continuously denied as though there were two sets of rights (which there are, let's face it). The pigs ripped the brother off without a warrant. Point No. 9 of the Party's 10 Point Platform and Program states very clearly: "We want all Black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their Black community, as defined by the Constitution of the United States." If found guilty by the people in the community, it is no more than right for Butch to be disciplined for the incorrect handling and firing of a weapon around the people, but it should be the people of Hunter's Point that decide what should be done and how it should be done. It should be the people from the Point who knew the brothers, knew their inner community relations and their social standings in the community. It should be the people that know the inner pressures of the community and understand them to know what would make a brother just openly fire a weapon in public and around the people. The 14th Amendment of the Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. This will be the only way that Butch will be able to receive a fair and impartial trial. To the people of Hunter's Point it is high time to start determining their own destiny. Will the people continue to let these jive courts and funnified juries railroad people from the community off to prison or will the people stand together and make a joint effort to put an immediate end to the violations of our constitutional rights.

Charles is gone and there is nothing none of us can do to bring him back. We hurt right along with his family and his many loved ones. A brother is gone and another one jailed--we are concerned about all of our people. Everytime the oppressor takes a brother or sister into custody we hurt, everytime a brother rips off another brother we hurt, because now is the time more so than ever that we must stick closely together and work side by side to rid ourselves of the major enemy--domestic imperialism. We all can see what kind of picture the news-media has painted of this incident so you can imagine what the racist, fascist courts will do.

We must all take this incident into consideration and do everything possible to see to it that this brother is judged by his peer group or brothers and sisters from the Black community as defined by the Constitution of the United States... Anything short of this will be totally incorrect and crucial to the welfare of Butch Mabrey.

ALL OF THE POWER LIES IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Hunter's Point Community Center
1494 Jerrold St.
San Francisco, California

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CONCENTRATION (DETENTION) CAMPS

who is in control of any given district. Under such a system, movement would be prescribed and the ability of the guerrilla to move freely from place to place seriously curtailed.

(5) The population within the ghetto would be exhorted to work with the authorities and to report both on guerrrillas and any suspicious activity they might note. The police agencies would be in a position to make immediate arrests, without warrants, under suspension of guarantees usually provided by the Constitution.

(6) Acts of overt violence by the guerrillas would mean that they had declared a "state of war" within the country and, therefore, would forfeit their rights as in wartime. The McCarran Act provides for various detention centers to be operated throughout the country and these might well be utilized for the temporary imprisonment of warring guerillas.

(7) The very nature of the guerrilla operation as presently envisioned by certain Communists and Black nationalists would be impossible to sustain. According to the most knowledgeable guerrilla war experts in this country the revolutionaries could be isolated and destroyed in a short period of time.

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PIG HARASSMENT OF RICHMOND PANTHERS

back and oinked that they (pigs) had reason to believe that a crime had been committed so they didn't need any warrant.

By that time Ray came to the doorway and was answering the pigs' crazy questions. The pigs knew that Ray was 17 years old so they used that as a reason to put him in what they call detention custody while they called his father to see if Ray was a runaway. Sure enough, the pigs oinked that they were arresting Ray because he was a runaway from Oakland.

Out of all the pigs that were there (5 cars) only one pig (the sergeant) knew what to do. All the young fool hearted pigs could do was ask the "sarge" what they were to do.

There were quite a few people out looking and giving the pigs the righteous guidance: "withdraw from the Black Community or suffer the Wrath of the Armed People." Let's move on that!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

SEIZE THE TIME!!

RICHMOND BRANCH
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

REPORT— ON RALLY FOR HUEY'S BIRTHDAY

On February 5th, pig Nixon visited Indianapolis and oinked to the people. We took the opportunity to hold a rally for Huey on that day...our subject was the exchange of P.O.W.'s for the exchange of Huey and Bobby who are being held political prisoners in fascist Babylon. The rally was held in Military Park. Later everyone present moved to the site of Nixon's farce. The reactionary power structure went through many changes trying to hide the oppressed people and give the fool (Nixon) a chance to lie to the more affluent people, but it failed.

The people were shouting "ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE" and "FREE HUEY AND BOBBY". We moved back to Military Park, mobilized the masses and took the rally to Broadway Christian Center. Again the focus was on the P.O.W. exchange for Huey and Bobby. Many people from around the state were present and we took the opportunity to explain the importance of United Front to Combat Fascism Organizations around the state.

During the month of February we traveled around the state holding many rallies wherever we spoke to the people, Huey's birthday was observed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HUEY
P.O.W.'s FOR PANTHERS

Donald Campbell,
Defense Captain
Indianapolis, Indiana
Black Panther Party

October 1966

Black Panther Party Platform and Program

What We Want What We Believe



FREE HUEY

Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**

Workers And Funds Needed

The Black Panther Party is now in the process of developing an international staff for the international section of the Black Panther Party. We are in need of enthusiastic workers. We need people with skills in filing systems, typing, printing, shipping and receiving. We are also in need of people with language skills, people who can speak **French** *and Arabic. We need people who can function on a diplomatic level in all languages, because at this stage in our struggle we see the need to develop diplomatic machinery for the American revolution.*

We have to deal with the same things that other diplomatic machinery have to deal with. The international section of the Black Panther Party is also in need of funds in which to be able to operate. All people wishing to send funds to support the international section of the Black Panther Party can send it to:

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Boite Postal 118
Grande Poste
Alger, Algeria

Telephone: 579-469
Alger, Algeria

Pigs' Harassment Educates GI's

We had made up a leaflet for the Panther benefit especially related to GI's and had leafleted and rapped with GI's around San Francisto. On the night of the benefit, we picked up four cats downtown to bring them over to it. We were rapping about the Panthers and the struggle when a pig pulled us over on the road. This pig called another pig to come and search the side of the road because he said he saw us throw something out of the window.

The other pig came a few minutes later and told the first pig he found a match box of grass "on the side of the freeway" this dumb pig tried to say it was ours.

While one watched us, the other searched each of the brothers and made us stand on the side of the road, while they searched the truck. All this was just a normal way for pigs to act. However, after they found out that the four cats were in the service and saw the leaflets in the truck, they freaked out and tried to isolate the four cats from the two of us, but the brothers were hip to the game they were trying to run. The pigs were vacillating about what to do about all this because two of the brothers were going to Nam the next day. They didn't want to mess with patriotic Americans so they kept threatening them with the shore patrol then changing their minds.

All the while they wanted to at least get John who they kept in the pig car, finally taking him away. The rest of us went over to the benefit to get it together for getting John out. The four GI's had a very intensive education that night talking with revolutionary people and seeing more pigs later oppressing the people and manifesting their fascist nature. GI's weren't born in the army and can see what's going on around them and what they are being used for.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
John



Huey would say, "a newspaper is the voice of a party, the voice of the Panther must be heard throughout the land."

The line dividing the progressive people from the machinery of oppression is ever widening as the people begin to realize that there can no longer be a middle of the road position with regards to freedom for the people of the world; however, it has only been within the past four years that the ameriKKKan people have shed their rose-colored glasses and patriotic blinders to face the reality of what their country was doing to the world's population. With the realization of the ameriKKKan role came the closer examination of all the things that had really never been questioned before....the 'ameriKKKan dream', the foreign policy, the treatment of minority peoples within this society, the real role of the 'police' and the press.

We found we as citizens of this country were being kept duped by the government and kept misinformed by the mass media.

In an effort to give the facts to the people, the so-called 'underground press' developed with various groups setting up newspapers and magazines with differing emphasis.

The Black Panther Party Black Community News Service was created to present factual, reliable information to the people.

The Black Panther Party has been organized to serve the needs of the people of the Black community and to educate and politicize the masses of Black people, but the Black Panther Party realizes that racism can only be eliminated by solidarity among oppressed people and the educating of all the people. It is the news a problems of Black and oppressed people in ameriKKKa that are dealth with in the Black Panther Party along with international news.

The Black Panther Party Black Community News Service is the alternative to the 'government approved' stories presented in the mass media and the product of an effort to present the facts not stories as dictated by the oppressor, but as seen from the other end of a gun.



July 1967--Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton (right) and Chairman, Bobby Seale (left), reading an early edition of B.P.P. Newspaper at the home of Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information B.P.P.

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RULES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Every member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, CENTRAL STAFFS, and LOCAL STAFFS, including all captains subordinate to either national, state, and local leadership of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.

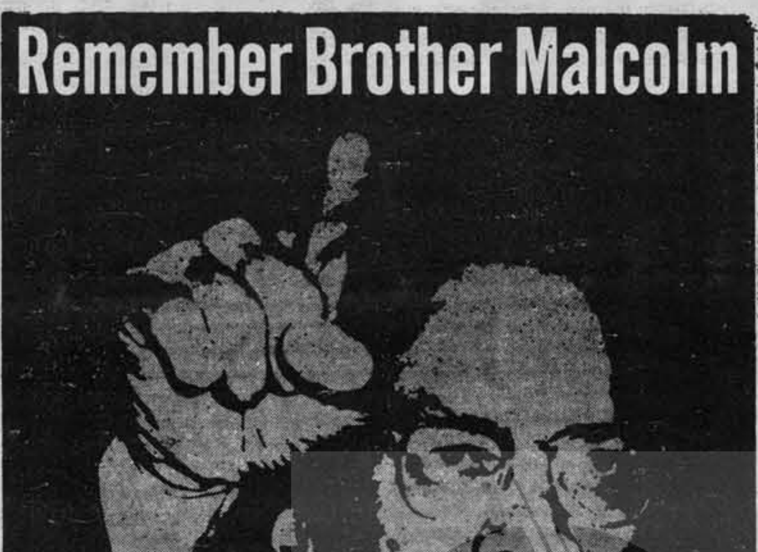
Every member of the party must know these verbatum by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE RULES ARE:

1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be DRUNK while doing daily party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.
5. No party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or BLACK people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leader Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.

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